

# Extension Minute

Robeson County

June 2024

## Extension is.....

North Carolina Cooperative Extension transforms science into everyday solutions for North Carolinians through programs and partnerships focused on agriculture and food, health and nutrition, and 4-H youth development. Our mission is to extend research-based information to individuals that will improve their lives and grow our state. We are the trusted, go-to resource for connecting research and education to the communities, economies, and families of our state, creating prosperity for all North Carolinians.


Leveraging the partnership of the United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, our state's two land-grant universities - NC State University and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University - and our local county governments, we are positioned to identify issues, research new solutions, and transfer those results back into our local communities, translating knowledge into everyday applications.

## Take Advantage of Soil Testing


Soil testing is a service provided by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) at their Agronomic Division in Raleigh that will assess the present levels of major plant nutrients, soil pH, and micronutrients. You can pick up free kits at your local Extension Center. Samples are currently free through November.


Click: [NCDA&CS](#) for more information.

Contact us for more information

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# Upcoming Programs..

June 2024

## Family and Consumer Sciences

### MEDS Instead of MEDS

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and August 6

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays at WellCare located at 6661 NC Hwy 41 North, Lumberton  
Click: [MEDinsteadofMEDS](#) to register

### SafePlates

Class: July 29 and 31, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Exam: August 2, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: non-refundable \$135.

Check or money order. Registration and fee due by Friday, July 12, 2024

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Program (EFNEP) Educator of Robeson County works with limited-resource youth to teach healthy eating habits, food safety skills, and how to be more physically active. EFNEP's mission is to improve the health of limited resource youth and families with young children through practical lessons on: basic nutrition and healthy lifestyles, resource management and food safety.

## 4-H

District Activity Day

Friday, June 14

So-and Sew 4-H SPIN Club

June 17 and 18

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Junior Chef Day Camp

June 24 – 28

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Young Leaders 4-H Club

June 25

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Summer Fun Day Camps

Click [SummerFun](#) to register

Betsey Jeff Pen Overnight Camp

Click [BJP](#) to register

Download the 4-H Now! app to see our calendar of upcoming events, read about our past events on our blog, check out our photos, see the social media, and even register for upcoming programs.

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## Field Crops

Best Management Practices for Pesticide Use (Morning Session)

June 13

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Best Management Practices for Pesticide Use (Afternoon Session)

June 13

1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

ONLINE Licensed Applicator Responsibilities

June 17

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

ONLINE Protecting the Pollinators

June 25

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Private Applicator V Recertification

August 6

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Pesticide Hazards and First Aid

August 6

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Making Good PPE Choices

September 25

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Private Applicator V Training

September 25

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Click: [PesticideRecert](#) to register for classes.

## Horticulture

Robeson County Farmers Market

Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Located at the corner of 3rd and Water Street, downtown Lumberton

Extravaganza

June 22

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Located at the corner of 3rd and Water Street, downtown Lumberton

## Small Farm Management

Beekeepers Association Meeting

Tuesday 18

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Download the [VisitNCfarms](#) app to see our counties local farms, farmers market, and nurseries. This app shows all the different products and connecting locally in our own backyard.