

Extension Minute

Robeson County

October 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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 455 Caton Road
Lumberton, NC

Upcoming Programs..

October 2024

Family and Consumer Sciences

Building Safe Communities

October 28, November 7, and December 5

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Click: [BSC register](#)

SafePlates

Class: October 21 and 22, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Exam: October 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: non-refundable \$135.

Check or money order. Registration and fee due by Monday, October 7, 2024 at Extension Office

4-H

Young Leaders 4-H Club

October 22

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Holiday Crafting 4-H Spin Club

November 24

4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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October 2024

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

2024 Extension Gardener Series

Thursdays October- November

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To register for the classes you wish to attend click: [EMGseries](#)

Agriculture

Robeson Regional Agricultural Fair

September 27 – October 5, 2024

Robeson County Agriculture Awareness Days – October 14-16, this three-day event is a partnership between North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Robeson County Center; Farm Bureau, Women’s Committee; AgCarolina Farm Credit; NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and the Public Schools of Robeson County that will provide an educational opportunity for all thirdgrade students in the county to learn about the importance and contribution agriculture plays in our everyday lives.

Livestock

Animal Waste Management Operators

There will be an opportunity to attend a six-hour class on November 20, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a break for lunch. You can also attend this class if you need partial credit (1 or 2 hours). Classes will be held at North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Robeson County Center, located at 455 Caton Road in Lumberton, North Carolina. Registration deadline for in-person class is November 19.

To register click: [wastemgmt24](#)

Small Farm Management

Beekeepers Association Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

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

Linking Small Farmers to USDA

Wednesday, December 4

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Located at Powell-Melvin Center
450 SMith Circle, Elizabethtown, NC**

To register click:

[smallfarmersnewprogram](#)