

# Extension Minute

Robeson County

December 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 \$4 per sample through March 31, 2025.

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

### Contact us for more information

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 455 Caton Road  
Lumberton, NC

# Upcoming Programs..

December 2024

## Family and Consumer Sciences

### Building Safe Communities

Thursday, December 5, 2024

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

O.P Owens Agriculture Center

455 Caton Road Lumberton, NC

Click [BSC](#) to register.

### The Sewing Lab

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

8:15 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

O.P. Owens Agriculture Center

455 Caton Road Lumberton, NC

For more details click: [SewingLab](#)

### Family Canning Night

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

O.P Owens Agriculture Center

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## 4-H

### Dirty Rascals JMG 4-H Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 10

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### 4-H Appreciation Night

Saturday, December 14

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 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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## 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

### A Very Local Holiday Festival

Saturday, December 7  
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Located at O.P Owens Agriculture  
455 Caton Road, Lumberton  
For more information click: [VLHF](#)

## Field Crops

**Important Pesticide Updates and Recertification Opportunities**  
Private Applicator Recertification V Training  
Tuesday, December 10  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### How to Avoid a Pesticide Investigation

Tuesday, December 10  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Located at O.P Owens Agriculture  
455 Caton Road, Lumberton

For more information click: [CreditOpportunity](#)  
Register at: [go.ncsu.edu/pestrecert](http://go.ncsu.edu/pestrecert)

## Livestock

### Cattle Conference:

January 28, 2024  
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

To register use the following link:  
[cattleconference](#)

## Small Farm Management

**Beekeepers Association Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 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  
register at: [smallfarmersnewprogram](#)

### 2025 Beginner Beekeeper School

January 28, February 4, 25, and  
March 4, 11, 25,  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A fee of \$45 will be charged (due the first night of the class) which covers registration, textbook, handouts, and refreshments (please make checks payable to Robeson County Area Beekeepers Association). Class is limited to the first 30 to register, so call immediately to reserve your space.