

# Extension Minute ..

Robeson County

March 2025

## 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..

March 2025

## Family and Consumer Sciences

### Stitchin' With Extension

March 20, 27 and April 3 & 10

O.P. Owens Agriculture Center

455 Caton Road Lumberton, NC

### LIFT (Lifelong Improvements Through Fitness Together)

Classes are Wednesday and Fridays starting March 5 and will end March 28

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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For more details click: [liftprogram25](#)

### The Sewing Lab

We are charging \$20 per person for all-day access to the lab. Please note, this is NOT a sewing class. Space is limited to the first 12 to register.

To find dates and deadlines click: [SewingLabRegistration](#)

### Dining With Diabetes

Space is limited to the first 15 to register.

To find dates and to register click: [DWD](#)

## 4-H

### Dirty Rascals JMG 4-H Club

Tuesday, March 11

5:30 – 7:30pm

### 4-H Butterfly Bonanza

Monday, March 17

### 4-H Embryology

Monday, March 17

### Young Leaders 4-H Club

Tuesday, March 25

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### Food Science Night

Thursday, March 20

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### 4-H District Teen Retreat

March 28 – 29, 2025

### Summer Fun

To find programs, dates, and cost click: [SummerFun](#)

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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.

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.

## Horticulture

**Robeson County Farmers Market Opens May 2025**

**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.**

## Small Farm Management

**2025 Beginner Beekeeper School**

**March 11 & 25**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Beekeepers Association Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 18**

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

**“Farming in the New Normal” Grower Workshop on New Farming Technologies and Practices**

**Wednesday, April 9**

**9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Located at Powell-Melvin Center**

**450 Smith Circle, Elizabethtown, NC**

**register at: [Farming in the New Normal](#)**

## Livestock

**How to Raise Backyard Chickens: The Basics**

**Thursday, April 24, 2025**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**455 Caton Road,**

**Lumberton, NC 28360**

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