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The Changing Face of Cooperative Extension in 2020

With the beginning of the New Year and Decade the Caswell County Cooperative Extension is continuing to work through the transitioning process with new staff and new focus for the office. In coming months, we will embark on some informal activities like open houses, listening sessions and strengthening the advisory committee process. As we look to start the new year, Extension staff will be working with different segments of the community, advisory groups and the two different North Carolina's Land Grant Universities with focus in developing of programs.

While priority will be given to transitioning tobacco industry, emerging hemp and the local foods production industry. Work will continue to help develop and grow the young leaders of tomorrow while finding new ways to help young ambitious entrepreneurs get established in agriculture and other business ventures in Caswell County. We look forward to continuing education programs in food safety/handling and nutrition programs. The staff will be looking to expand programing into consumer horticulture, community and economic development and small ruminant production.

Travis Hoesli

Caswell County Cooperative Extension Director

Register now for the 2020 Beginning Farmer Class

Classes are scheduled on Thursday nights starting January 9th through February 27th, 2020 The class runs for eight weeks and meets from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.. The cost of the class is $120 for 8 sessions. For questions or more information contact Mike Lanier at 919-245-2063.

Read more at: https://orange.ces.ncsu.edu/2019/11/register-now-for-the-2020-beginning-farmer-class/

2020 Piedmont Regional Beef Conference

Join us for the 8th Annual Piedmont Regional Beef Conference March 5, 2020 Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center 1192 US 64W Business, Pittsboro, NC.

Register online by mail by 2/24

https://go.ncsu.edu/prbc20

2020 Plant Beginning Farmer Class Schedule

Session #1, Thursday, January 9, 2020

- Starting a Farm/Preparing a Cash Flow: Jason Roehrig and Shiloh Avery, Tumbling Shoals Farm
- Introductions
- Legal Issues Pertinent to Farm Start-up Businesses: Andrew Branan, Extension Assistant Professor in Agricultural and Environmental Law, Agriculture and Resource Economics, NCSU

Session #2, Thursday, January 16, 2020

- Transplant Production: Cathy Jones, Perry-winkle Farm
- Irrigation: Jon Davidson, Berry Hill Irrigation
- Recordkeeping, Ross Mickens, Open Door Farm

Session #3, Thursday, January 23, 2020

- Vegetable Diseases: Inga Meadows, Extension Specialist, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology, NCSU
- Introduction to Soils/Soil Testing: Dr. Deanna Osmond, Associate Head and Department Extension Leader, NCSU
- Whole Farm Planning: Dr. Noah Ranells, NC Farmlink – Eastern Region, NCSU

Session #4, Thursday, January 30, 2020

- Cover Crops: Cordelia Machanoff, Graduate Research Assistant, Crop Science, NCSU
- Vegetable Insects Identification and Management: Dr. Clyde Sorenson, Department of Entomology, NCSU
- Observations on Direct Marketing Farm Products, Mike Lanier, Area Agricultural Economic Development Agent, NC Cooperative Extension

Session #5, Thursday February 6, 2020

- Equipment of Small Farms: John Kimes, NCA&TSU University Farm
- Weed Management with and without Plastic, Dr. Katie Jennings, Horticultural Science, NCSU
- Financial Resources: Carey Owens, Carolina Farm Credit
- Leaning Towards Opportunity, Ben Grimes, Dawnbreaker Farms

Session #6, Thursday February 13, 2020

- Planting and Growing Vegetables, Tim MacAller, Four Leaf Farm
- Food Safety, Dr. Chris Gunter, Department of Horticulture, NCSU
- Perspectives of a Young Beginning Farmer, Joe Tedrow and Lisbeth Rasmussen, Split Acre Farm

Session #7, Thursday February 20, 2020

- Post-Harvest Handling: Dr. Penny Perkins-Veazie, Department of Horticultural Science, NCSU
- Farmers Market Set-up and Display: Dr. Kathleen Liang, W. K. Kellogg Distinguished Professor of Sustainable Agriculture, NCA&TSU/CEFS Co-Director
- Local Farmers Markets: Kate Underhill, Market Manager at the Chapel Hill Farmers' Market and Susan Sink, Farmers' Market Manager at the Durham Farmers' Market

Session #8, Thursday February 27, 2020

- End of Class Covered Dish Dinner
- Honey Bee Pollination: David Bailey, Bailey Bee Supply
- Why You May Want to Consider Livestock and Poultry Enterprises on Your Farm, Mike Lanier, Area Agricultural Economic Development Agent, NC Cooperative Extension
- Wrap up and Questions and Answers

Improve Your Financial Wellness in 2020!

As the new year begins, many people are thinking about their New Year's resolutions. Many resolve to get in better physical shape, but what about getting in better financial shape? Getting in better financial shape for emergencies is an easy goal for anyone to set this year! According to FEMA's 2018 National Household Survey, almost seven out of ten people have set aside some money for an emergency: however, most have only set aside less than $500. In the new year, and also the beginning of a new decade, why not start saving a little more and also increase your emergency fund by an amount that makes sense for you?

Emergencies aren't just hazards, disasters, and inconveniences. They can be any unexpected expense that could include your car, house, or other personal property, or a decrease in income due to job loss. There are many ways to get started on being prepared before, during, and after a disaster takes place. These tips include but are not limited to:

- Keeping some cash on hand in a secure location.
- Record your property (video or photos).
- Get an understanding of how to reach out for disaster assistance if the need arises.
- Get an understanding of how to file insurance claims.

Another way to get started is to use the Emergency Finance First Aid Kit (EFFAK) as a guide. The EFFAK is a free resource that can be downloaded and printed at www.fema.gov. It provides low-to-no cost activities to improve preparedness, such as:

- Identifying and compiling important financial, legal, and medical documents-
- Creating a contacts list in case of an emergency-
- Understanding how to store and secure this information-

While planning and preparing for unexpected expenses are great ways to improve your financial wellness, they aren't the only ways. Other ways you can improve your financial wellness in 2020 include:

- Checking your current financial fitness-
- Opening a savings account and putting in small amounts of money on a regular basis;
- Contacting a qualified financial counselor or coach for personalized help reaching financial goals;
- Reviewing your credit report on each of the three major consumer reporting companies to check for errors; and
- Reassessing your current insurance policies and making sure they cover your needs.

- Start saving, form a savings habit, and pay yourself first!
- Open and keep an account at a bank or credit union that meets your needs.
- Track your savings and investments, and monitor what you own
- Plan for short-term and long-term goals.
- Build up emergency savings for unexpected events.
- Consult with a qualified professional on investments and other key financial matters.
- Save for retirement, children's education and other major items.

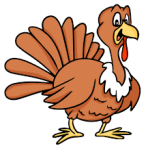
Submitted by: Sonya G. Patterson, Family & Consumer Sciences agent

What's going on in 4-H?

NC State Fair

Youth Market Turkey Show

Registration



We are gearing up for the 2020 NC State Fair Turkey Show!

You will receive two (2) one-day old turkey poults in June 25th and raise them until the NC State Fair in October!

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 21st at 5:00 pm

2020 4-H Summer Camp Dates are set…

Caswell County 4-H will attend

Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

June 21 - June 26th

4-H Camp is a great way to spend a week of your summer vacation making new friends, learning new things and having many new adventures.

4-H Camp is open to youth ages 8 – 14

A $50 non-refundable deposit is due to hold your child's space for camp.

HURRY SOON SPACES ARE LIMITED!!

Camp scholarship are available

You do not have to be a current 4-H member to attend 4-H camp.

For more about "Why 4-H camp could be for your child" you can read this article.

https://caswell.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Jan-1-Why-4-H-Camp.pdf For more information or to register for a Caswell County 4-H event please contact Brandi Boaz, Caswell County 4-H Agent @ 336-694-4158 ext. 3 or brandi_boaz@ncsu.edu.

Upcoming Events

- Cattlemens Association Meeting January 21 Caswell County Extension Assembly Rm
- Gap Meeting January 29 Occassions Catering & Southern Cuisine Burlington NC
- Auxin Training February 14 Alamance County Extension Office

Caswell County Ag Extension Office Open Houses

Here at the NCSU Extension office our entire job is to help you! Please help us understand what you need from us and how best we can assist you. Come to an open house and share your opinion to help direct your Agricultural Extension needs. Open to anyone hoping to utilize NCSU Agriculture, Horticulture, and Livestock Extension. This includes commercial producers, hobbyists, home-owners, amateurs and experts. All are welcome.

Yanceyville

Tuesday, February 11th 6:30-8:00 PM Yanceyville Extension Office 126 Court Square, Yanceyville

Prospect Hill

Wednesday, February 12th 6:30-8:00 PM Prospect Hill Fire Station 11621 HWY 86S, Prospect Hill

Pelham

Monday, February 17th 6:30-8:00 PM Pelham Community Center 161 Community Center Rd, Pelham

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