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DID YOU KNOW?

October 2021

2021 Northeast Ag Expo Corn Variety Results Available



In the document below, you will find a summarized table of the results from the 2021 Northeast Ag Expo Corn Variety Trials. These trials were located in Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties.

2021 Northeast Ag Expo Corn Variety Trial Results

A special thank you to Allen Wayne Stallings and family for donating land, resources, and time for the Perquimans County location!

For more information, contact <u>Dylan Lilley</u> at 252-426-5428.

Perquimans 4-H Wreath Sale



The Perquimans County Extension Office are selling beautiful Christmas wreaths to benefit 4-H Youth Programs in Perquimans County. Wreaths are available for purchase until November 12th. For more information and a link to the flyer, see the link below and contact <u>Teresa Story</u> at 252-426-5428 for more details.

ARHS Offers Fitness Programs!

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A FREE FITNESS PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR ADULTS TO INCREASE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVELS & LEAD HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES

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FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT AMANDA BETTS AT 338-4467 OR EMAIL AMANDA.BETTS@ARHS-NC.ORG



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For questions, contact Mary Morris at 252-482-6585 or by email at <u>mary_morris@ncsu.edu</u>.

Free Soil Samples until November 30th!



Why do I need to take a soil sample for my pasture? That may be a question you ask yourself from time to time. The answer is to know how much lime and fertilizer is needed. You can apply the same amount of fertilizer each year if you wish, but you may be applying more than you need, or not applying enough. It is especially important to take a soil sample to know how much lime to apply. The lime is applied to get the soil to the desired pH for the crop you have planted. Each type of grass or forage requires a specific pH level for optimum growth. If the pH is too low, or even too high, other nutrients are not as readily available to the plant. This can cause the plant to be weak and unhealthy, and not yield as much forage as it would when the pH is at optimum levels.

The soil test will also tell how much fertilizer to apply. It will give an analysis of fertilizer that is best suited for the forage. If you apply without a soil test, you may be wasting money by applying too much of one of the nutrients. Fertilizer dealers can make the fertilizer blend to match what the soil test calls for. The soil test will also tell you if any of the micro nutrients are lacking in the soil. If so, you can add the needed micronutrients when the blended fertilizer is made.

The best time to take you soil sample is in the early winter. The NCDA lab will charge \$4 per sample from December to March. Getting one taken early will not only help you avoid a sample fee, but also get your information back early, giving you more time to plan for spring. So if you have not taken a soil sample of your pasture recently, get out there and get it done. For more questions, contact <u>Jared Harrell</u> at 252-426-5428.

4-H EFNEP Teaches Teen Cuisine



4-H-EFNEP is partnering with Perquimans county middle school to teach food safety practices to 6th grade students. Heather Winslow is the contact person at the school and has worked with the EFNEP Program for years. The Teen Cuisine curriculum provides many lessons on food safety, how to use knives, and many recipes! Students will have taste testing opportunities every lesson and so far they have had apples and yogurt. For more information, contact <u>Patty Bowers</u> at 252-482-6585.

Master Gardeners Educate at Chowan County Fair



Extension Master Gardeners were at the fair! Did you see us there? In 2021, the Chowan, Gates, & Perquimans County Extension Master Gardeners were involved in several educational outreach projects at the Chowan County Regional Fair. Pictured: American Legion Post 40 Ask A Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, Extension Master Gardener Educational Exhibit Booth Award, and Extension Master Gardeners Senior Citizens Fun Night Program. For more information, contact <u>Katy Shook</u> at 252-482-6585.

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