



# Virginia Cooperative Extension

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## 2015 Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Updates

### Agricultural Services

- **250** in-person consultations with county residents and **350** indirect consultations through e-mail, phone, or mail
- **28** Virginia Tech Plant Disease Clinic samples, **11** Insect Identification Lab samples, **6** Nematode Assay, **1** A&L tissue sample, and nearly **400** Virginia Tech soil samples



### Pesticide Certification and Training

- Over **130 pesticide applicators** were able to receive recertification credits toward their pesticide applicators certification
- **5 recertification classes** or workshops were held by VCE in the Northern Neck
- Pesticide review and exam was offered, **100% pass rate**

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

- Partnered with Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District and the Westmoreland County government
- Collected over **3,300 lbs of hazardous waste** from 43 vehicles

### Farmers Market Scale Certifications

- Partnered with Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (VDACS)
- **129 scales from 28 vegetable farms** across the Northern Neck
- Certified scales allow farmers to sell at farmers' markets across the state

### Westmoreland News Articles & Facebook

- Weekly article in the Westmoreland News focusing on timely topics in agriculture or home horticulture
- **13 articles** ran through the year
- **Over 1,600** contacts through new Facebook site



### Crop Research Trials

- Broccoli planting date trial to **update recommendations**
- Corn, soybean, and wheat on-farm variety trials
- Assists local producers in making **research-based crop variety choices**



### Pesticide Disposal Day

- Partnered with VDACS
- **26,178 lbs of pesticides** collected from the Northern Neck
- No fee to the participants or local governments, value: **\$130,890**

### Northern Neck Vegetable Growers Association Annual Meeting

- 48 producers and agribusinesses representing **over 8,100 acres of vegetables**
- **74% expected to increase profits** by an **average of 11%** by implementing knowledge gained at the meeting

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