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2016 Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Updates

Agricultural Services

- **240** in-person consultations with county residents and **over 400** indirect consultations through e-mail, phone, or mail
- **22** Virginia Tech Plant Disease Clinic samples, **9** Insect Identification Lab samples, **2** Nematode Assay, **5** Weed Identification samples, and nearly **350** Virginia Tech soil samples



Pesticide Certification and Training

- Over **100 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 **6,400 lbs of hazardous waste** from 66 vehicles



Farmers Market Scale Certifications

- Partnered with Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (VDACS)
- **143 scales from 38 vegetable farmers & 2 watermen** across the Northern Neck
- Certified scales allow farmers to sell at farmers' markets across the state

Northern Neck Crops Conference

- 39 local grain producers and agribusinesses representing **over 8,600 acres**
- **75% expected to increase profits**
- **70% planned to adopt** at least one precision agriculture practice



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**

Drinking Water Clinic

- **21** local residents participated in the program, **24** water samples analyzed
- **100% have a better understanding** of drinking water quality
- **93% intend to routinely test their water**

Northern Neck Vegetable Growers Association Annual Meeting

- 46 producers and agribusinesses representing **over 7,000 acres of vegetables**
- **95% are likely to implement** information learned



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