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

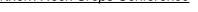
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

- 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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