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Notes from the Director Amanda Hatcher

- Assisted two farmers with poultry assistance program through NCDA which helped with hurricane related damage from previous storm
- Attended state and district updates and meetings, grant meetings with county stakeholders
- Attended Vidant Duplin Hospital Foundation board meeting and Agrimedicine Institute Partners meeting virtually
- Conducted county employee evaluations
- Assisted with 4-H fundraiser soup and sandwich luncheon
- Assisted with 4-H Pig Project
- Met with County Advisory Council members

Livestock Amanda Hatcher, Livestock and Forages

- Attended Small Grains Meeting, coordinated animal waste credits for this event, providing one hour of credit
- Assisted 2 farmers in crop management, 36 farmers in farm management, and 17 farmers in nutrient management
- Provided continuing education training for four animal waste operators, enabling them to continue to keep up their licenses and assisted in virtual 6 hour class regionally
- Offered review class to prepare individuals for the animal waste operator exam
- Face-to-face contacts: 156, Non face-to-face contacts: 426

Livestock Jessica Hall, Livestock and Forages

- Attended 70th Annual NC Cattlemen's Conference, secured new sponsors
- Attended County Cattlemen's Association Meeting
- Assisted 2 farmers with cattle health and herd management, 2 farmers with pasture management strategies and over 60 farmers with cattle marketing interests
- Assisted with 4-H Pig Project practice
- Scheduled Coastal Carolina Cattle Alliance Interest Meeting
- Face-to-face contacts: 155, Non face-to-face contacts: 3,795

Field Crops Della King, Field Crop Agent

- Attended Area Flue-Cured Tobacco Production Grower Training
- Attended the Joint Commodity Conference in Durham
- Assisted with 4-H Pig Project and 4-H fundraiser soup and sandwich luncheon
- Help organize Grains meeting and participated via Zoom
- Conducted the Tobacco Export Referendum



**Britt Building
Monthly
Usage**

**February
Total number
of events:
47**

**Total attendance
for the events:
1203**

**Public events:
17**

**Private events:
1**

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Horticulture Tom Hroza, Horticulture

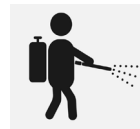
- Our strawberry growers have been busy putting covers on plants and then taking them off a few days later due to the fluctuating temperatures. Labor can become very expensive if you have to do this many times during the season.
- Muscadine grapes and blueberry pruning has started, but the weather has not cooperated. We are encouraging our growers to be patient and do a good job because this will lead to a stronger vine and an increase in yield.
- We have had some interest in Commercial Cut Flowers and Hemp as new enterprises on our farms. We continue to support our growers in these enterprises with all the up-to-date science available. Marketing is still the most important aspect of a new enterprise.
- Face-to-face contacts: 79, Non face-to-face contacts: 1,300

Small Farms ... James Hartsfield, Farm Management (Duplin/Sampson)

- Attended NC A&T Virtual L.E.A.D. Team meeting.
- Attended NC A&T County Operation 4th Friday Virtual Faculty Staff meeting.
- Participated in the Virtual Planning Committee for Risk Management Workshops.
- Assisted farmers with registration for the upcoming Virtual Risk Management Workshop series.
- Visited a farmer to provide information on the Plasticulture Equipment Cash/Back Rental program.
- Assisted farmers with Risk Management Inventory Assessment
- Face-to-face contacts: 25, Non face-to-face contacts: 65,000

Agriculture & Natural Resources Walter Adams, Tech. (Duplin/Lenoir)

- Attended Duplin Grains Meeting
- Attended Risk Management Training, Virtual
- Held Pesticide Recertification - Lenoir County
- Face-to-face contacts: 9, Non face-to-face contacts: 93



4-H and Youth Development Bridget Huffman, 4-H Agent

- The beginning of January was spent working with 4-H club leaders on re-enrollment of clubs and getting club paperwork uploaded in NC 4-H Online for the year 2022.
- Joined the Duplin County Partnership for Children Board and attended the first meeting at 12:00 p.m. on January 10th at the Kenansville Baptist Church. The next meeting is Monday, February, 28 at 12:00 p.m. at the Kenansville Baptist Church.
- On Tuesday, January 11, the 4-H teen series, Seeing i2i: Adventures in Diversity & Cultural Awareness continued. The third lesson was "Pearls of Culture." The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. This teen series will be monthly and last until May.
- The NCAE4-HYDP Winter Professional Meeting was held January 26-27 in Union County. The meeting consisted of board meetings, business meetings, local tours, workshops, and committee meetings. Our annual conference will be September 7-9 in Manteo, NC.
- Also in the month of January, county staff updates, 4-H updates and trainings, reports, and State Extension updates were held in person and via Zoom.
- Face-to-face Contacts: 195, Non Face-to-face Contacts: 3,135

Charmae Kendall, 4-H Agriculture/Livestock Program Assistant

- Distributed 35 chicks to Duplin 4-H'ers for the Coastal Plains Chicken Project Show scheduled in April (youth with 2 chicks, pictured right)
- Facilitated Livestock Skillathon & Judging Practice
- Attended Ag Agents Meeting in Pamlico County
- Assisted with NC State Livestock School in Lenoir
- Smithfield Pig Project Kick-off, practice opportunities 3 times a week



- Winter Walks & Wags Program
- Assisted with Nance Goat Leadership Institute coordinated by NC State (pictured left) youth learning about alternative forages for sheep and goats.
- Soup Fundraiser for Youth Livestock Programs
- State Fair & Regional Committee meetings preparing for upcoming shows
- Face-to-face contacts: 405 Non face-to-face contacts: 7,307

Jasmine Williams, 4-H Prevention Coordinator

- Attended coalition meetings: JCPC, DAISY, CFPT/CCPT/MDT
- Attended trainings: Prevention Ethics, HIV/STD, FY22 SAPGB Provider/LME Audit Process Overview, FY22 Covid-19 Funding Audit Process Follow-up
- Facilitated 7 sessions of “Too Good for Drugs” at North Duplin Elementary School
- Continued SYNAR/Merchant Education activities in Duplin, Sampson, and Wayne counties.

