

Randolph County

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Field Crops & Forestry

Poultry Litter Residual Nitrogen Research Plot - Randolph County Cooperative Extension and NC State are working with a Coleridge farmer, Jason Cheek, to learn the amount of residual nitrogen that poultry litter can have in a field. This research will help farmers make more precise nitrogen applications on top of their poultry litter applications!

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Livestock

[Piedmont Regional Beef Conference Webinar Series](#) - Join us online as the Piedmont Regional Beef Conference planning committee brings you an exciting series throughout the month of March! If you have ever wanted to attend the Piedmont Regional Beef Conference and haven't been able to in the past, this is your year!

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Family and Consumer Sciences

2021 New Year, New Way With ECA Learning Series - These learning sessions will be on the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. [Registration is required to attend these Zoom sessions!](#)

- March 4: Understanding your Air Fryer
- April 1: Biscuits... Then and Now
- May 6: Pillow, Pillows, Pillows
- June 3: Meals in A Mug

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Horticulture

Consumer Updates

[Randolph Backyard Gardener Class Registration Now Open](#)

[Become a Randolph County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer](#) - 2021 Training Schedule

[A "Pass Along" Pandemic Garden Project](#) - Randolph County Master Gardener Volunteer Spotlight

Commercial Updates

[NC Virtual Nursery Conference](#)

[2021 Farmers Market Manager Call](#) - email Hannah Dankbar for Zoom link

[2021 NC Agritunity Conference](#)

[2021 North American Raspberry & Blackberry Conference](#)

[53rd Annual Winter Vegetable Conference and Trade Show](#)

[ASAP Business of Farming Virtual Conference](#)

[2021 Pest Control for Professional Turfgrass Managers](#) -

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4-H Youth Development

Bee Hotel Build-A-Long - Resident bee-xpert and Applied Ecology urban entomologist, Dr. Elsa Youngsteadt will partner with Hill Library's Makerspace for this virtual build-a-long. Feb 27, 1 -3pm. [Register today!](#)

Spring 2021 Nature Adventures series - Calling all teachers, remote learners, homeschool families and educators who want to spice up your spring education plan! [Registration is open.](#)

March 5, 2021 - Horticulture Agent, Annie Mills and 4-H Youth Development Agent, Allison Walker will be hosting a virtual town hall on March 5, 2021, on community and school gardens. It's a chance to discuss how projects are going during COVID-19, a time to share resources, and an opportunity to network with others.

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Area Poultry News

Backyard Flock Management - On January 27th, the four Area Specialized Agents for Poultry in NC started a backyard flock series. The intent is to serve poultry enthusiasts of every level across the state. From the beginner to the very experienced, the small hobby flock to the large business venture, everyone is welcome. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17th and additional ones will follow every 6-8 weeks.

The first topic of the series, Backyard Poultry Management, was presented by Dr. Kenneth Anderson of the Prestage Department of Poultry Science at NC State University. The presentation was an overview of multiple aspects of keeping backyard poultry and included topics such as; municipal ordinances, breed selection, egg production vs meat production, brooding, coop/run design, nutrition, parasites, and biosecurity. There were over 100 attendees present, representing 39 counties across NC and some from other states including Virginia, Tennessee, Florida, and even Texas.

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Director Update

Thank you Institute for Emerging Issues for giving us the opportunity to narrow the digital divide in Randolph County with the distribution of 23 Chromebooks purchased with our BAND-NC grant funds. They will be used at Randolph County Public Library, Randolph-Asheboro YMCA, and Randolph County School System to help students achieve their remote learning goals. The computer distribution is helping launch the digital inclusion planning process with community members.

[Read more about this grant.](#)

[Summer Internship Opportunity](#) - N.C. Cooperative Extension of Randolph County is accepting applications for a **Summer Intern**. Applications are welcome from NC State University students and students from other institutions, including out-of-state applicants. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply. Applications are due February 19, 2021.

[Small Farms Week Food Drive](#) - COVID-19 has resulted in more food insecurity throughout the state, and Extension at A&T wants to share our agriculture community's harvest with those in need. Drop your donations off at our office until February 26th at 5:00pm.

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[More information](#)

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