

Randolph County

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Field Crops & Forestry

[Fire Ant Management](#) - This Zoom class will cover recommended management strategies for fire ants in residential and agricultural settings. Pesticide credits available.

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Livestock

[Piedmont Regional Goat & Sheep Conference Webinar Series](#) - Join us online for an exciting webinar series all about goat and sheep management topics! The series will take place on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting on April 19th and ending on May 10th for a total of four webinars. You can choose to register for one or multiple sessions. The entire webinar series is FREE!

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Family and Consumer Sciences

[Home Food Preservation Series](#) - Are you interested in home food preservation but not sure where to start? Or maybe you just want to brush up on the basics of preservation. Join us for a free, virtual series featuring research-based information to help you preserve foods safely.

[Cooking Under Pressure](#) - Learn what an electric pressure cooker is, how to utilize one to save time in the kitchen and cook delicious meals with this virtual session.

[Air Fryer On Demand Class](#) - Now through May 14th sign up and tune in to this class on your schedule!

[Cooking with Herbs](#) - This virtual session will give tips on how to use fresh herbs in your recipes.

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Horticulture

[How to Become a Randolph County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer](#) - Are you interested in taking the next step in learning about science-based, sustainable gardening and interested in becoming part of an active local volunteer program? If you missed our Backyard Gardener Classes and Master Gardener Information Sessions you can still apply to the Extension Master Gardener Program in Randolph County. We will have recordings of all sessions available for those who are interested in becoming a volunteer with us coming soon! Stay tuned for more information later this month on how to apply.

[Production and IPM Guides Available Through Randolph County Extension](#) - There are a number of production guides available through NC State Extension that we would like to make accessible to commercial growers in printed form. [You can explore the guides online by clicking on each one here.](#) Contact Annie at: 336-318-6003 | akmills@ncsu.edu

[Piedmont Triad Regional Food Council Event \(PTRFC\) is inviting you to Learn - Build - Eat, a virtual food assessment launch event on April 20th](#) from 10 am to 11:15 am EST! The Piedmont Triad Regional Food Council worked with Carolina Creative Works to conduct a comprehensive regional food system assessment for the twelve counties in the Triad. The assessment was intended to develop a baseline for understanding the regional food system; examine economic opportunities for strategic investments, and create a sense of shared ownership and equity principles for the region and the local advocates who make up the food system.

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4-H Youth Development

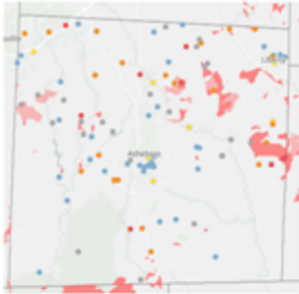
[Ag-Mazing Stories Series](#) - A series of children's books being read in a "bedtime story" format promoting Agriculture Literacy.

[Liberty Farmers Market](#) - Allison will be out at the Liberty Farmers Market on Saturday, April 10 to promote Randolph County 4-H and Randolph County Cooperative Extension.

[Embryology](#) - We have had a very successful round of embryology in many of our 2nd grade classrooms in the county and city schools. Some 3rd classes also chose to participate since Covid brought the project to an abrupt end last school year.

[Seed Kits](#) - Towards the end of April all of the county libraries will be a hosting site for seed kit distributions.

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Director Update

How's Your Internet Speed? - Over the recent months, the residents of Randolph County have become keenly aware of their internet speed and reliability. There is an opportunity to provide information about your internet connectivity or lack thereof. The North Carolina Broadband Office has developed a Survey in which you can take to provide them with internet speed information at your location. There is even a way to take the survey to indicate you do not have internet access at your residence. The FCC is currently redoing broadband coverage maps. It is important for Randolph County residents to take the survey so there is better data when funding opportunities become available. Currently, there are only 106 survey respondents from Randolph County. Please participate in the survey so our data show the need for funding here in Randolph County. Here is the link to the survey: <https://www.ncbroadband.gov/broadband-nc/north-carolina-broadband-survey>

The dots indicate locations that have entered survey data. To explore other data click here. <https://www.nconemap.gov/pages/broadband#>

Contact the Extension office if you need help entering your information for where you live in Randolph County. kenneth_sherin@ncsu.edu or 336-318-6000

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