

# Livestock, Equine, Field Crops, Forages, Pesticide Education, and a Dash of 4-H

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# About Me

- Nash County
- NCSU
  - 2019: Bachelor's of Extension Education, Minors in Ag Leadership and Animal Science
  - Current: Master's of Animal Science
- Dairy, commercial beef and swine, sheep, goats, grassfed beef, pasture-raised pork and poultry, agricultural marketing, agritourism



# What I've Been Up To

# Pesticide Education

- Pesticide Schools
- Pesticide Safety classes
  - Personal protective equipment (PPE), water quality, etc.
- Pasture Weeds 101, Pest Control, etc.
- Respirator Fit Testing Day



# Horse Health Clinic

- Annual event
- Vaccines offered with at-cost prices
- Collaboration with local veterinarian
- 2021 and 2022:
  - Multi-county, 37 horses
  - Savings: ~\$1,692



# Piedmont Regional Beef Conference

- March 3rd, 2022
- 80 producers
- Estimated economic impact of \$135,000 made or saved as a result of attendance
- Bale grazing, BQA, hay quality, handling facilities



# Piedmont Sheep & Goat Conference

- 25 producers, many new or beginning farmers
- Forage nutrition, handling basics and demonstration, FAMACHA certification
- 100% increase in knowledge of grazing management, care, and handling



# Chatham County Youth Livestock Team

- Created in April 2021
- 8 team members
- Breed ID, livestock judging, quality assurance
- State and regional competitions







# Equine Law Webinar Series

- Collaboration with Alamance
- Contracts, liability, insurance for equine businesses
- Estimated economic impact of \$115,009
- “One of the best webinar series from NC Cooperative Extension ever!”



# Farm Animal Welfare & Handling Training

- Offered to Animal Control, local law enforcement, and other community members
- Educate about body condition, welfare issues, and handling
- 26 officers from 7 different counties
- Cabarrus County - November 2022



# Beef Cattle College

- 4 sessions
- Sponsored by Southern States
- Educated about nutrition, minerals, winter feeding, reproduction, grazing management
- Local farmers networking



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# What's Coming Up

# Youth Livestock Team

- Regional competitions
- Field trips and tours



# Small Ruminant Winter Series

- Beginning farmers
- Basics of husbandry and care
- High need



# Women in Ag Day

- February 1st, 2023
- Multi-county
- Beginning horticultural and livestock producers
- Grant writing, marketing, tractor maintenance, on-farm demonstrations, networking



# Piedmont Beef Tour

- March 24th, 2023
- Visit local beef farms in the area
- Education on best management practices
- Networking





**Best Addition**

# Thank you for your attention!



**Any questions?**

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