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# The Stalk




Accomack & Northampton County Cooperative Extension  
Eastern Shore Agricultural Research & Extension Center





## CabCast - Extension on the Go!

Are you passionate about farming, food systems, or the future of agriculture on Virginia's Eastern Shore? Then Cabcast is your go-to podcast! Produced by Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) and the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center (ESAREC), Cabcast brings you timely, relevant, and research-based insights straight from the field.

Each week, our Extension Agents and specialists dive into the issues that matter most to local producers, from weather impacts and pest updates to soil health, crop trials, and community events. Whether you're a grower, ag professional, or simply curious about what's happening in our region's fields and greenhouses, Cabcast keeps you informed and connected.

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Your feedback helps shape future episodes and ensures we're addressing the real-world challenges and opportunities facing Eastern Shore agriculture.



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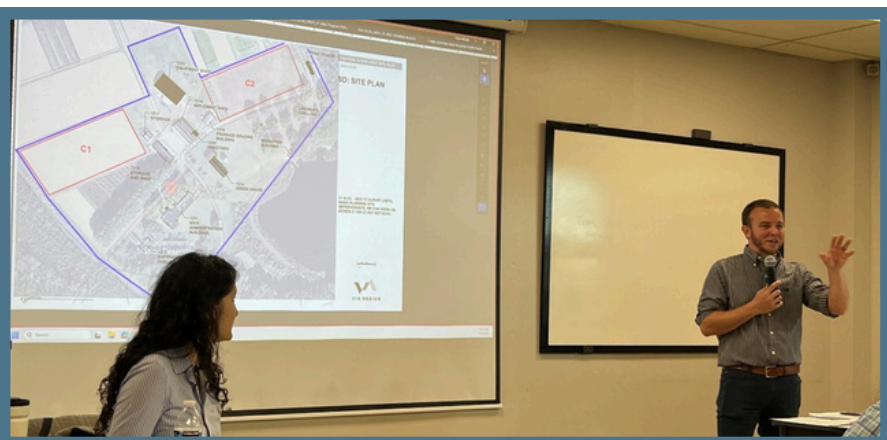




## Capital Project Update

*Dr. Mark Reiter, Soil and Nutrient Management Extension Specialist*

We are on-track with our capital project remodel and expansion for the Eastern Shore AREC. Currently, we are in the schematic design phase where we are working with our architectural firm, VIA Design, to produce a design, drawings, timelines, and budgets. We expect this process to take around a year and should be completed in summer 2026. Via Design has experience working on our Eastern Shore of Virginia as they recently designed the Virginia Institute of Marine Science's Eastern Shore Lab in Wachapreague along with other projects that have similar scope and mission as our own (<https://viadesignarchitects.com/>). We held a kickoff event on May 6 that started the design process with all faculty and staff at the Eastern Shore AREC along with representatives from the Virginia Tech facilities department.



*Our project architect, Iroda Karimova (left) and VIA Design President, Scott Campbell (right) discussing project plans.*



*ESAREC and VT Facilities faculty and staff providing project input at the first project meeting.*

## Horticulture Position Update

We are continuing our search for a Commercial Vegetable Horticulture Specialist to join our team at the Eastern Shore AREC. Specific responsibilities will be to develop an innovative, nationally recognized research and extension program focused on commercial horticulture for vegetables and other potential crops for the Eastern Shore, Northern Neck, Southeast Virginia, and other parts of the Commonwealth where vegetable production is important. Large acreage vegetable crops include snap bean, potato, tomato, pumpkin, broccoli, cabbage, cucumber, lettuce, pepper, strawberry, summer squash, sweet corn, and watermelon. Programs will advance understanding of varieties, new crops to our state, fumigation, irrigation, high tunnels, and equipment. To date we had 54 applicants and have completed our first round of screening. Zoom interviews for 9 candidates start this week! Successful candidates will be visiting the Eastern Shore in late June and early July. We hope you can meet them!





# UPDATES

## FROM THE ESAREC DIRECTOR

Dr. Mark Reiter, Director, Extension Specialist



VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION  
EASTERN SHORE AGRICULTURAL  
RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER  
VIRGINIA TECH.

### See us in the movies!

We had a fun experience filming our lab and field research regarding cover crops in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Stay tuned to see our finished product as editing is complete and we showcase benefits and considerations when incorporating cover crops into our Eastern Shore crop production systems.



### Acres of Soil Health Implementation

Please complete this survey if new practices are being implemented including cover crops, no-till, or rotational grazing.

Farmers, Specialists, Agencies, and Organizations are all welcome and encouraged to contribute.

There will be a prize drawing once a month.

Estimated time to complete survey: 2 minute



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For more information contact Dara Booher at [VFGCFarmerMentor@gmail.com](mailto:VFGCFarmerMentor@gmail.com)



Win a JBL waterproof Bluetooth speaker or a Speedrite Fault Finder voltmeter! Fill out our quick survey regarding soil health implementation and be entered for a chance to win. This survey should only take you 2-minutes: [bit.ly/soilhealthacres](https://bit.ly/soilhealthacres).





## Singh Receives Promotion with Tenure

Dr. Vijay Singh, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist of Weed Science, was recently awarded promotion with tenure through the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences at Virginia Tech. The promotion process is a yearlong review of research, teaching, and extension activities that span the length of time employed at Virginia Tech. The promotion with tenure process begins within the faculty's home department, is then advanced for review by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, before being submitted by the dean to the university level. Each level includes discussion and evaluation by a committee of faculty peers. Tenure transitions the faculty from 2-year contracts to a permanent contract with Virginia Tech and is a significant milestone within a faculty's career.

Since joining Virginia Tech in October 2019, Dr. Singh has become known for his three main research and extension areas that focus on 1. weed herbicide resistance, 2. sustainable cropping systems and cover crops, and 3. precision weed management using uncrewed aerial vehicles (UAVs) and other technologies. While integrating these three main programming thrusts, Dr. Singh has been successful with his team approaches in obtaining over \$9.5 million in grant funds since he joined Virginia Tech, with nearly \$2.1 coming directly towards his program and work at the Eastern Shore AREC. Likewise, Dr. Singh's fruitful post-doc and early work here at Virginia Tech has led to 21 peer reviewed publications since joining our university with a total of 35 peer reviewed publications to his credit. Dr. Singh's professional status is growing as he recently received the Young Weed Scientist Award from the Southern Weed Science Society and the Outstanding Researcher Award from the Northeastern Weed Science Society of America (2024) and was awarded the 2024 Outstanding Reviewer Award from the Weed Technology journal, published by the Weed Science Society of America. For extension outreach, Dr. Singh ensures that he works directly with specialists from within Virginia and other states to improve our many Extension production manuals so growers have quick access to the latest innovations in weed science technology for their crops that include [the Pest Management Guide – Field Crops \(ENTO-602\)](#), [Mid-Atlantic Commercial Vegetable Production Recommendations \(SPES-586P\)](#), and [Southeastern US Vegetable Crop Handbook \(SPES-292NP\)](#).

A full list of Virginia Tech promotions can be found at: [Virginia Tech Board of Visitors approves 2025 promotions, tenure, and continued appointments | Virginia Tech News | Virginia Tech](#)



Dr. Vijay Singh (right) and Rutvij Wamanse (left), M.S. Student in Weed Science, discussing autonomous robotic spray technologies on a recent field tour at the Eastern Shore AREC.



Current Weed Science Team: L to R – Akash Brar (PhD student), Rutvij Wamanse (MS student), Fred Sturgis (Field Assistant), Fatemeh Esmailbeiki (PhD student), Milos Viric (MS student), Robert Cooley (Research Technician), Vijay Singh (Associate Professor). Previously graduated students: Vipin Kumar (MS), and Dhiraj Srivastava (MS)





## Corn Earworms Arrive in Virginia Earlier Than Expected

*Dr. Kemper Sutton, Assistant Professor of Entomology & Extension Specialist, ESAREC*

Corn earworms rarely overwinter in Virginia due to their inability to survive the state's typically cold winters. While it's not uncommon for a few to persist through mild winters—especially in areas like the Eastern Shore and southeastern Virginia—this past winter was notably harsh. As a result, most corn earworms found in VA typically migrate from southern states, with peak migration usually occurring in mid to late summer.

However, the last two weeks of May brought an unexpected development: several reports of unusually high moth captures in traps across the state. Notable reports came from Halifax, Caroline, King William, and Northampton counties, with some traps recording 30 to 40 moths in a single night.

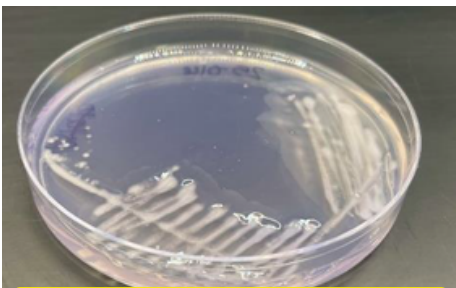
Although moth activity has remained relatively low at the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Painter and in other locations like Blacksburg, this early influx is cause for concern. Early-planted vegetables that are fruiting or nearing fruiting—such as sweet corn, snap beans, and tomatoes—are now at increased risk of injury.

As June progresses, it will be essential for growers to closely monitor for corn earworms and adjust their spray schedules accordingly.

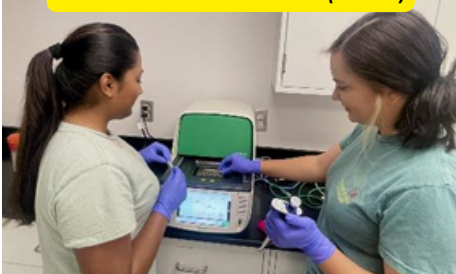


## Potato Diagnostic Update – Favorable conditions for foliar diseases; no in-season management options for bacterial diseases.

*Dr. Doug Higgins, Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology & Extension Specialist*



Postdoc (Dr. Harleen Kuar) and M.S. student (Marian Grskovich) working on their "side project" isolating soft rot bacteria onto specialized growth media (top) for DNA extraction and identification (bottom)



The plant pathology diagnostic lab at the Eastern Shore AREC is starting to see an uptick in disease cases following two weeks of rain, warming temperatures, and potato crop maturation.

Foliar diseases. Conditions have been favorable for late blight, but this disease has not been detected in the region. Potatoes plants are in the process of bulking tubers and susceptible to early blight, another foliar disease. We confirmed one case early blight on the Shore. Increased scouting and continued fungicide protection programs are strongly encouraged.

Bacterial diseases. Cases of blackleg and potato soft rot are on the rise, incited by warm and wet conditions. Soft-rotted seed pieces have been observed in several fields, often associated with wilting and yellowing plants, and/or characteristic inky black lesions progressing up the stem (blackleg). Some plants are also showing soft rot symptoms in developing tubers, although the number of affected tubers remains low. If wet weather continues, tuber infections are expected to increase.

There are currently no in-season management options for controlling blackleg or soft rot. Growers are encouraged to contact the lab, as plant samples are needed to help validate a DNA-based diagnostic tool (see figure), funded by the Virginia Potato Board

Supplies for the DNA based identification are funded by the Virginia Potato Board and the project helps to broaden student training as applied plant pathologists while providing support to our growers.





## Considerations for postemergence herbicide applications in corn and soybean

**Dr. Vijay Singh, Associate Professor of Weed Science & Extension Specialist, ESAREC**

In the eastern shore region of Virginia, corn planting is completed and soybean planting started. Here are a few considerations that may help growers in effective weed management. If there were weed issues last year even after the use of preemergence and postemergence herbicides then there is a need to change the herbicide program.

Most of the corn and soybean grown in the eastern shore and neighboring regions are resistant/tolerant to both Roundup (glyphosate) and Liberty (glufosinate) but make sure and check with your seed supplier before spraying herbicides. Postemergence herbicides are critical for weed management but their success depends on timely application, herbicide selection, and presence of herbicide-resistant weeds. Including residual herbicide in tankmix will provide extended weed control window. For corn, use herbicide tankmixes or premixes with atleast two herbicides for broader control, few examples with herbicide group numbers are provided in Table 1. Include atrazine (Group 5) in tankmix for excellent weed control. Specifically for grass weed control, Accent Q (Group 2) can be used alone or in tankmix with glyphosate.

For soybean, usually Roundup or Liberty provide excellent control for both grasses and broadleaved weeds but if there is a grass weed problem then Zalo (premix of Liberty and Assure) can be used or other grass herbicides listed below (Table 1). For yellow nutsedge issues, Permit Plus can be sprayed but verify that soybean has STS trait. Use 10-15 gallons of carrier volume for adequate spray coverage if not specified in the herbicide label.

**Herbicide-resistant weeds:** In Virginia, weeds resistant to the glyphosate herbicide (Group 9) include Palmer amaranth, common ragweed, and horseweed. These weeds along with few other weeds are resistant to ALS-inhibitors (Group 2) and triazines (Group 5) herbicides as well. In corn, weeds resistant to Group 2 and 5 herbicides can be controlled using Roundup, and Liberty. Weeds resistant to glyphosate (Group 9), triazines (Group 5), and ALS-inhibitors (Group 2) can be controlled using tankmixes or premixes utilizing Group 10, Group 27, and Group 5 herbicides. In soybean, glyphosate-resistant weeds can be managed with alternative herbicides, including those in Group 14 (e.g. Valor, Flexstar), Group 5 (e.g. atrazine), Group 10 (Liberty, requires LibertyLink soybean), Group 4 (Enlist One, requires Enlist E3 soybean).

Crop	Postemergence herbicides (groups)
Corn	<u>Grass and broadleaved control:</u> Atrazine (5), Aim (14), Callisto (27), Callisto extra (5+27), Acuron GT (9+15+27), Halex GT (9+15+27), Kyro (4+15+27), Realm Q (2+27) <u>Grass control:</u> Accent Q <u>Yellow nutsedge control:</u> Permit Plus (2+2), Sandea (2)
Soybean	<u>Grass &amp; broadleaved weeds:</u> Roundup (9), Liberty (10), Pursuit (2), Flexstar GT (14+9), Zidua (15), Zalo (10+1), Enlist Duo (4+9) <u>Specifically for grass control:</u> Assure II (1), Fusion (1+1), Poast (1), Select Max (1) <u>Yellow nutsedge control:</u> Permit Plus (2+2), Sandea (2), requires STS or Bolt varieties)

Examples of effective postemergence herbicides/premixes labelled for corn and soybean. Herbicides group numbers are indicated in parentheses.



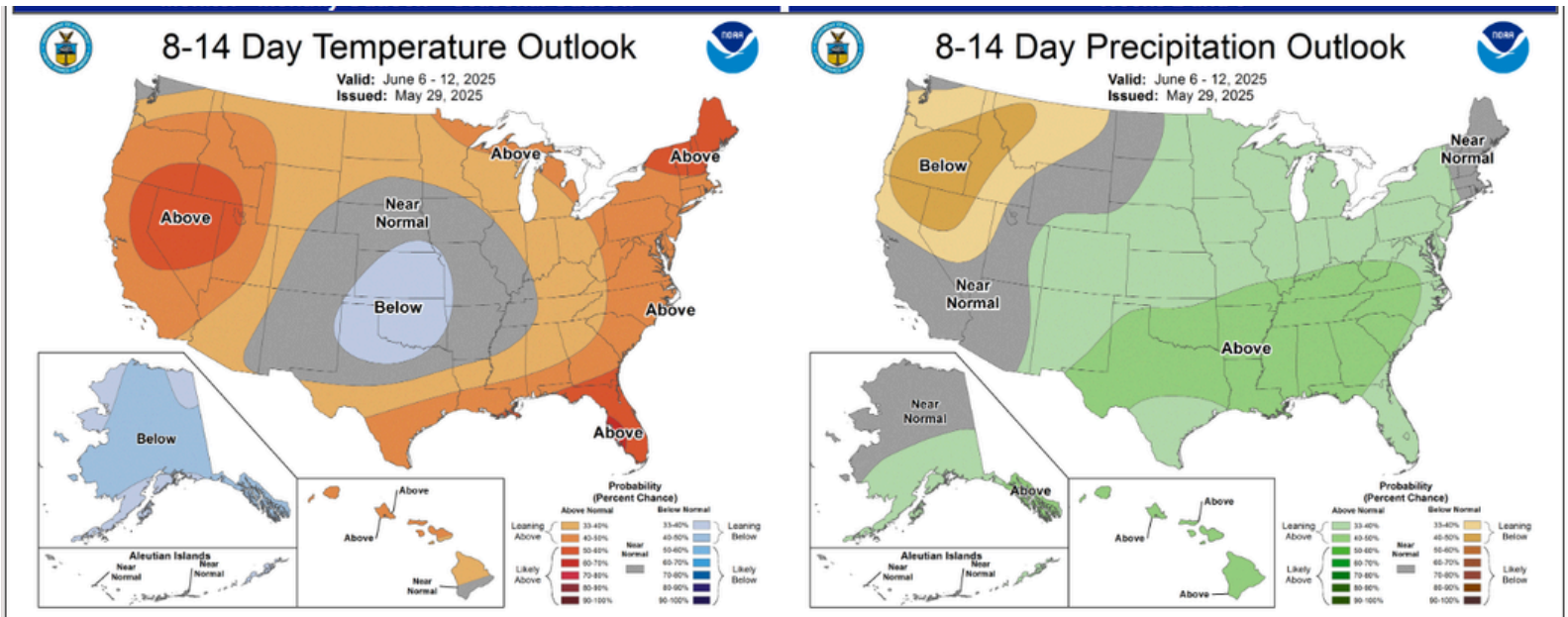


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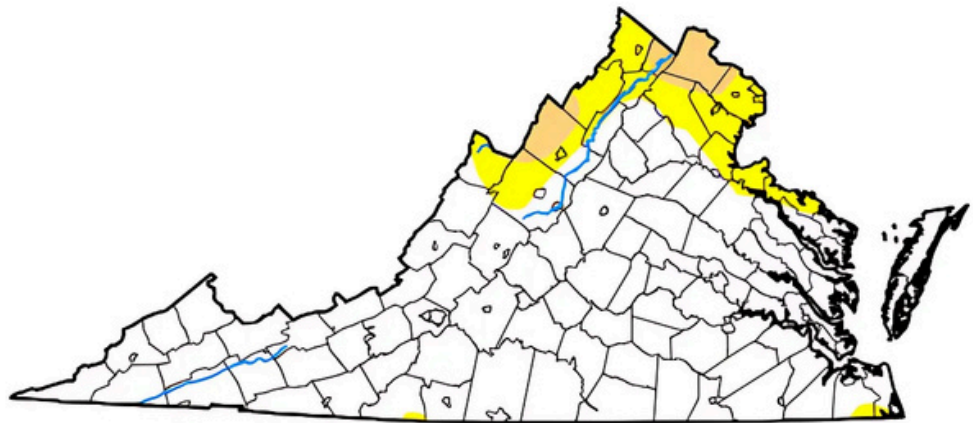


## TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION OUTLOOK



SOURCE: <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

## DROUGHT MONITOR



Map released: Thurs. May 29, 2025  
Data valid: May 27, 2025 at 8 a.m. EDT

- Intensity**
- None
  - D0 (Abnormally Dry)
  - D1 (Moderate Drought)
  - D2 (Severe Drought)
  - D3 (Extreme Drought)
  - D4 (Exceptional Drought)
  - No Data

SOURCE: <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

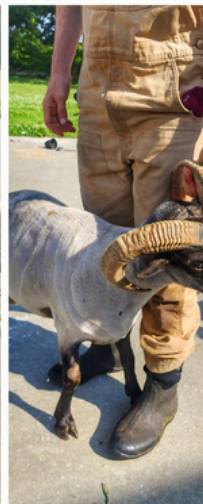
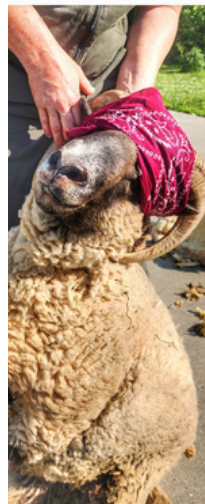
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## 2025 Eastern Shore Sheep Shearing Program Recap - May 22nd, 2025



The 2025 Eastern Shore Annual Sheep Shearing is an opportunity for all the sheep growers on the Shore to share the cost of having a professional shearer visit their farm. The Sheep on the Eastern Shore are shorn right before it starts getting hot. A sheep is caught by the shearer, from the catching pen, and taken to the shearing board. Machine shears operate in a similar manner to human hair clippers in that a power-driven toothed blade, known as a cutter, is driven back and forth over the surface of the sheep and the wool is cut from the animal. Sheep shearing is also considered a sport with competitions held around the world. Depending on the size and condition of the sheep, a professional shearer will take less than two minutes to shear the wool from the sheep.

**Thank you to Emily Chamelin from Aerie Farm for coming down to Northampton and Accomack counties to shear 40+ sheep, including several Hog Island sheep, and one long haired goat!**

## Agents' Calendar: JUNE 2025

*"Working for the Wellbeing of Our Communities!"*

- June 2: VCE/ESAREC Monthly Meeting
- June 2: Agriculture of the Middle (AOTM) Webinar
- June 3: Eastern Shore Master Gardeners' Picnic / Northampton Farm Bureau monthly meeting
- June 4-5: ANR onboarding Crops & Soils, Tappahanock, VA
- June 6: Soybean Variety Trial planting; Last slug damage rating cover crop study
- June 10: Northampton Board of Supervisors' meeting (Agriculture Committee) / Peninsula Tractor Organization meeting
- June 11: Farm Coastal Hydrology Meeting with UVA LTER
- June 18: Extension unplugged zoom meeting / ESSWCD board meeting
- June 20: "hydroponics 101: a beginner's guide for extension agents webinar"
- June 24: Weed Science Field Day, ESAREC
- June 25 - July 1: National Association Agricultural Extension Agents annual conference, Billings, Montana

### Current Planning:

- Food Preservation Series
- Farm Transition Workshop (Fall)
- Ag Fair Crop Competitions
- Cut Flower Workshop
- "Perk up & Learn Coffee Hour"

### Weekly

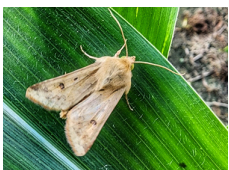
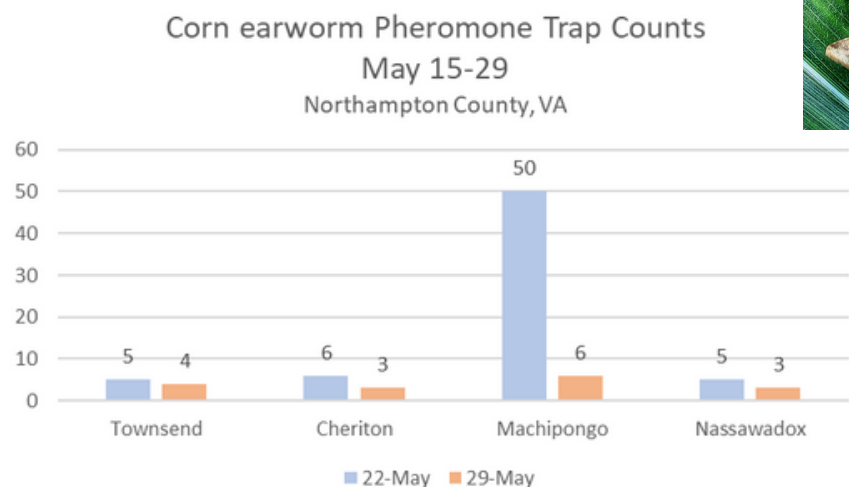
- WESR VCE AG Radio recordings - daily @8:30am/12:30pm
- WESR Master Gardener Radio recordings - daily @12:20 pm
- CabCast Recordings
- Pheromone Trap Counts



2025 Insect Pest Monitoring

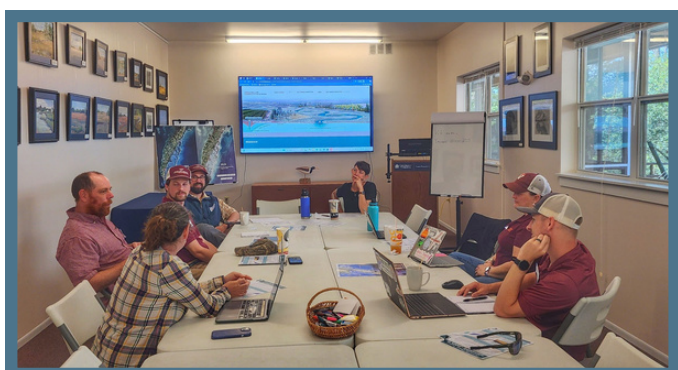
Pheromone traps for migratory insect pests of economic significance on the Eastern Shore of Virginia were deployed on May 15. One heliothis trap and two bucket traps—targeting corn earworm, fall armyworm, and beet armyworm—were placed at four locations across Northampton County. High weekly trap counts indicate an urgent need for intensive scouting, particularly in sweet corn, soybeans, tomatoes, snap beans, and cotton, with heightened attention during their reproductive stages.

An early surge of corn earworm activity was recorded the week ending May 22, with 50 moths captured in the Machipongo trap. Additionally, a black light trap was established in Northampton County to monitor stink bug flights. So far, only a small number of native green stink bugs have been detected.



2025 Salty Farms Workshop - May 1, 2025

Northampton and Accomack County Cooperative Extension ANR agents participated in a roundtable discussion alongside various partners to address the challenges posed by sea level rise and salt intrusion in agricultural fields. The conversation, held at the UVA Virginia Coast Reserve LTER, focused on identifying focus, collaborative efforts and essential educational resources to support affected communities. Faculty representatives from VIMS, George Washington University, and the Eastern Shore AREC, Virginia Tech contributed their expertise to the dialogue.







## Young Explorers Dive Into the World of Insects at Cape Charles New Roots Youth Garden

Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Agent Hélène Doughty recently led an interactive insect lesson for Kiptopeke Elementary's and Cape Charles Christian School's second-grade students at New Roots Youth Garden. The session was filled with discovery, hands-on learning, and a celebration of the vital role insects play in our ecosystems.

Students began their exploration by learning to distinguish between beneficial insects and garden pests. Through a sorting activity, they matched insect photos to their respective categories, sharpening their observational skills and understanding of insect biodiversity.

Afterward, the young scientists took to the garden, searching for real-life specimens and discussing their findings in real time. Lastly, they released 1,500 live ladybugs throughout the garden.



## Extension Agents Inspire Future Agricultural Leaders at Occohannock Elementary Career Fair

On May 2, Northampton County Extension Agents Hélène Doughty (Agriculture & Natural Resources) and Erin Morgan (4-H) proudly represented Virginia Cooperative Extension at Occohannock Elementary School's career fair, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm among students.



Throughout the event, students engaged in discussions about the vital role of extension agents in their community, learning about agricultural education, environmental stewardship, and the many opportunities offered through local Extension programs—including the highly anticipated Summer 2025 4-H camp.

The interactive exhibit provided a hands-on learning experience designed to immerse students in agricultural science. The "Eastern Shore Agriculture" prize wheel introduced a variety of local and regional farming topics, while hands-on activities encouraged scientific exploration. Students examined insect specimens, observed plant fungus and bacterial samples in Petri dishes, and explored the intricate world of insects through a microscope—each activity igniting curiosity and fostering a deeper interest in agricultural science.



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## PRIZE GIANT PUMPKIN COMPETITION

AT THE EASTERN SHORE AGRICULTURAL FAIR



HERE IS HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

- 1 Learn how to grow a giant prize pumpkin at:  
<https://youtu.be/-9RyXk-bLHI>
- 2 Pick up your free seed at the Accomack or Northampton Cooperative Extension Office
- 3 Register online
- 4 Plant your seeds and watch your prize pumpkin grow!



# COMPETE & LEARN

WITH



LEARN ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL & TRY YOUR HAND AT GROWING A GIANT PUMPKIN

Register at:

<https://forms.gle/zZx8ieWv8JnptYoaq6>

## WHAT'S THAT BUG?

Hélène Doughty, Northampton ANR agent, invites you to test your entomology knowledge.



Take a guess on the pest and email or text your answer to 757-999-0780 / [hdoughty@vt.edu](mailto:hdoughty@vt.edu)

### April Answer:

#### Allium Leafminer

The allium leafminer (Phytomyza gymnostoma) is an invasive pest threatening allium crops like onions, garlic, shallots, and ornamental alliums. First detected in the U.S. in 2015, it has spread across onion-growing regions in the Northeast and Midwest. This pest damages crops by laying eggs in leaves, causing oviposition marks (see photo) and larval feeding tunnels. Virginia Cooperative Extension invites farmers, gardeners, and volunteers to join the citizen science project to map its distribution and validate bioindicators of its emergence. Participants can scout their areas and submit data digitally or via paper surveys. To contribute, visit the [Allium Leafminer Scouting Project page](#) or email Grace Stern at [allium@vt.edu](mailto:allium@vt.edu) for more information. Your efforts will support pest management and ecological health.

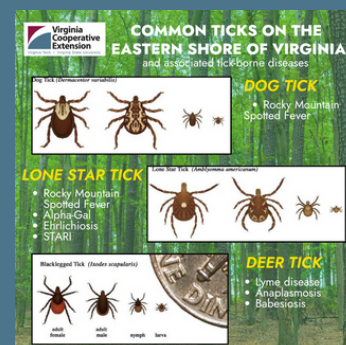


## AGENT QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

*"How do I control ticks in my yard?"*

Preventing ticks in yards can start with landscape management and modifications such as regular mowing, removing leaf litter and debris, mulching edges around play areas, pruning shrubs and trees at the edge of open spaces, or creating a barrier between woods and your yard with a 3ft area of wood chips or gravel. In a study by Dr. Kolivras, (Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources and Environment), higher rates of Lyme disease were found in areas with herbaceous cover, such as meadows and grass, as well as the edges of boundaries between herbaceous land cover and forest patches. For chemical control options, the active ingredients permethrin and bifenthrin are most efficacious (follow all instructions on the label and keep away from pets and children).

For more information on ticks and their diseases, consult: <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/2906/2906-1396/2906-1396.html>





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## Virginia Farm Voluntary Agricultural Best Management Practices Inventory

Virginia is embarking on a survey to help us learn more about voluntary conservation practices on Virginia farms in the Chesapeake Bay watershed...like yours! The information you provide in response to the survey will help Virginia tell the story of what farmers are doing to conserve soil and improve water quality. This is incredibly important information that can help agriculture achieve its water quality goals for the Watershed Implementation Plan for the Chesapeake Bay. Please [read the full introductory letter here](#).

Survey link: Access the survey via direct link here.  
The survey period will run thru June 30, 2026.



**VIRGINIA FARM VOLUNTARY  
AGRICULTURAL BEST MANAGEMENT  
PRACTICES INVENTORY**


The survey is being administered by the VCU Survey Evaluation & Research Laboratory in partnership with Virginia Cooperative Extension and Virginia's Voluntary Agricultural Best Management Practices Task Force.

## Pesticide Collection Program




**2025 ACCOMACK-NORTHAMPTON  
PESTICIDE COLLECTION  
PROGRAM**



- Open to agricultural producers, pesticide dealers, pest control firms, golf courses and homeowners
- You are responsible for drop-off / Contact VDACS (804-371-6561) or your ANR Extension agent for exceptions (unknown pesticide/amounts > 3000lbs)
  - HOW TO PREPARE FOR DISPOSAL:
- Conduct an inventory and set aside chemicals to discard using proper storage conditions until disposal
- If you have amounts of unknown chemicals over 5 gallons or 50lbs, call your local VCE office to set up a visit with the pesticide investigator for sampling
- Pre-registration is recommended at:  
<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/pesticide-disposal-registration.pdf> (paper forms available at your local extension office)
- When registering, indicate if you have totes or mini-bulks

**Nutrien Ag Solutions**  
18432 Wachapreague Rd, Melfa 

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025** 

For information contact your local Extension agent:  
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Go to: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticide-collection.shtml> and complete the pre-registration form

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TRANSITION TOPICS?**

**VCE is planning a  
farm/land transition  
program.  
Help us plan by letting  
us know what topics to  
feature**

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**Interested in farm/land transition?**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION  
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## We Are HIRING



### Johnsongrass Control Technician

Location: Northampton County, VA  
Job Type: Hourly (flexible schedule)

The ideal candidate will be responsible for scouting and implementing control measures for Johnsongrass across designated areas within Northampton County in accordance with code of ordinance § 94.02 CONTROL OF JOHNSONGRASS. This role requires attention to detail, independent fieldwork, and a commitment to effective weed management.

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Conduct regular scouting to identify and assess Johnsongrass infestations
- Apply appropriate treatment methods to manage and control growth
- Maintain accurate records of scouting reports and treatment applications

#### Qualifications:

- Valid Commercial Pesticide License (required)
- Valid Driver's License
- Personal mode of transportation for travel within Northampton County
- Ability to work independently in various field conditions
- Strong observational skills and attention to detail

#### Compensation & Benefits:

- Hourly wage based on experience
- Mileage reimbursement for personal vehicle use
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) and spray materials provided

For information, contact Helene Doughty at [hdoughty@vt.edu](mailto:hdoughty@vt.edu) or 757-678-7946

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## 4-H SUMMER CAMP

July 21 - July 25, 2025

4-H camp is a week-long residential camp held at Airfield 4-H Educational Center in Wakefield, VA with Suffolk, Greensville-Emporia, Accomack and Northampton. Open to youth ages 9 - 13.



Scholarships  
are available  
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Shore youth



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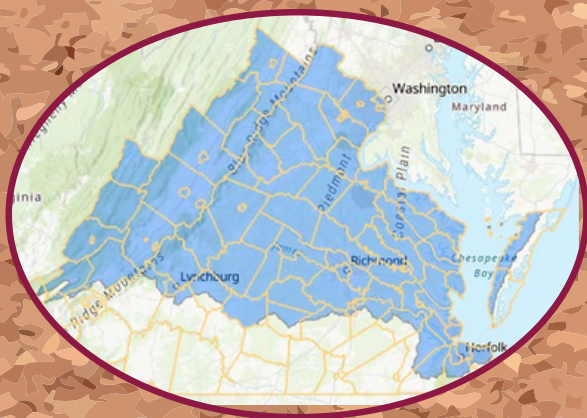


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## Are you a farmer in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed?



We want to hear from you!



Scan the QR code to complete the survey.  
Survey ends **June 30, 2026**.

**For more information visit:**  
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## 2025 PESTICIDE COLLECTION PROGRAM

This program is for the disposal of unwanted and outdated pesticides currently stored by agricultural producers, licensed pesticide business, certified applicators, golf courses, and homeowners.

Registration recommended: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/pesticide-disposal-registration.pdf>

### ACCEPTABLE

Agricultural Pesticides, Commercial Pesticides, Homeowner Pesticides, Weed and Feed and Pesticide Dilutions

### NOT ACCEPTABLE

Medical Waste, Radioactive Waste, Ammunition, Tires, Biological Waste, Contaminated Waste, Paint, Oil, Rinsate, Fertilizer and Batteries

### COLLECTION DATES & LOCATIONS

**Aug. 5, 2025: Mosquito Control in Chesapeake, Va.**

**Aug. 6, 2025: Prince George County Extension Office in Prince George, Va.**

**Aug. 7, 2025: Courthouse Convenience Center in Hanover, Va.**

**Aug. 19, 2025: Nutrien Ag Solutions in Melfa, Va.**

**Aug. 20, 2025: Indika Farms Buying Station in Windsor, Va.**

**Aug. 21, 2025: SVCC Truck Driving School in Emporia, Va.**

**Sept. 10, 2025: Southampton Co. Fairgrounds in Courtland, Va.**

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