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Four corn fields were measured for yield for Clif Fox, Clarke Fox, and Jamie Lee. These growers entered in the national corn growers contest.

An entomology display was constructed and manned at the Virginia Peanut Festival in Emporia.

Ten soybean fields were scouted for corn earworm, stink bugs and disease. Recommendations were given. Three fields were surveyed for Asian Soybean Rust and leaves sent to the research lab for positive identification.

Nearly 20,000 plastic pesticide containers were recycled and chipped at the fairgrounds. A special ceremony was held commencing the one million pounds of plastic pesticide containers recycled in the US since conception of the national program in 1993.

Information was presented to the Chowan Basin Soil and Water District affecting local farming practices and cost share programs.

An Ag newsletter was written with timely production practices and mailed.

Forty homeowner calls were answered giving proper recommendations on pest control, soil sampling and lawn management.

A staff meeting was held and administrative information presented. Two Extension Leadership Council meetings were conducted with concerns about the state budget situation. A Unit Coordinators' meeting was attended in Chesapeake.

For this reporting period, the Extension Office received 234 telephone calls, 35 office visits, mailed 459 pieces of mail and recorded 8 internet hits.

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Four youth from Swamp Shooters 4-H Club participated in the 2008 4-H State Shooting Sports Meet at Holiday Lake 4-H Center.

The Ivor 4-H Club had their first organization meeting to form their guidelines and program plan for their first year as a 4-H club. Ten youth attended this meeting, along with their parents and three club leaders.

The 4-H Goose Hunt was held in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Corrections-Prison Farm and Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. 15 Youth and their parents and 8 adults (from all organizations) participated in making this a successful hunt.

Agent assisted with the 4-H Cured Ham Contest at the Isle of Wight County Fair, and judged the 4-H Market Lamb and Goat show at the IOW County Fair.

Teen Leadership Council held their kick off meeting/social. 15 teens from Southampton County attended. The teen club is self-run with an adult advisor, and during this meeting, they created their program plan for the upcoming year, including fundraising, community service, and leadership activities.

The agent attended VAE4-HA in Charlottesville.

41 youth, parents, and adult volunteers attend the 4-H Livestock Banquet. Youth were recognized for their fitting and showmanship, record keeping, and over all character during this banquet. Outstanding Volunteers and the Pulley award were given during this celebration of all the accomplishments in the livestock project this year.

An adult volunteers training was held for all 4-H adult leaders and club managers. 16 adults attended this session on conflict resolution, record keeping, organization, and policy updates. The next volunteer training is scheduled for January.

Agent participated as an organizational leader for 13 Going on 30, a Southeast District Pre-teen weekend at Airfield 4-H Center. 10 Southampton County youth attended this event which gave youth a chance to participate in activities that simulated real world events. One teen leader participated in this event as a teen counselor

Two teens participated in the Southeast District Teen Board at Airfield 4-H Center.

Two new 4-H community clubs have been started as of October in Southampton County. The Ivor 4-H club will service youth in the Ivor Community, and the 4-H Library Club will be held at the Courtland Library and will service the Courtland area.

A 4-H Newsletter was written and mailed. The newsletter included information on past events, and a schedule and information on future events that will be taking place in Southampton County.

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