

## 2017 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE: CHESTER COUNTY

### Pesticide Workshop

A pesticide calibration and safety workshop was conducted August 11, 2017 in Fort Lawn. There were 33 participants who were either private or commercial pesticide applicators. The all day workshop awarded six re-certification credits toward the pesticide education hours required every five years to retain an applicator licenses. The workshop covered sprayer and spreader equipment calibration, fire ant biology and management, weed identification and management, field diagnosis of landscape problems, spray drift demonstration and covered proper personal protection equipment for different application scenarios. This was one of a series of this workshop which is conducted by a team of extension agents and specialists around the state each year. A one-time grant of \$4500 was used to fund the purchase of a trailer and equipment used in the workshop, where all that is needed is a venue. Since the spring of 2014, over 700 applicators have participated in this program statewide.



▲ Hands on learning at the Pesticide Workshop



▲ Food delivery van

### Local Food on the Move!

Getting locally produced food on area tables became a little easier in 2017 thanks to the addition of a new refrigerated delivery van and cold storage equipment for the Catawba Fresh Market, an online farmers market serving Chester, Lancaster, Union and York Counties. The Catawba Fresh Market is like having a 24-hour farmers market in your computer. Once orders are placed online, local growers process them, and then they are delivered to a pick-up site within the region every week.

The market is made possible through a partnership between Clemson Extension, the Catawba Farm and Food Coalition, Americorps VISTA, and area Eat Smart Move More County Chapters. The addition of the van and other support infrastructure was made possible through the Community Grant Program of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture. Currently, the site has 27 vendors selling items such as meat, eggs, produce, breads and other value-added products. Having use of a refrigerated van combined with new cold storage equipment will provide a venue for market growth and expansion leading to healthier agribusinesses, economies, and local residents.

**SC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**  
*AT A GLANCE*



**AGENTS**  
133



**PROGRAMS**  
11,158



**CONTACTS**  
242,239



**YOUTH & FAMILIES  
REACHED**  
104,156



**AG ED**  
163



**AGRONOMIC**  
133



**LIVESTOCK & FORAGES**  
316



**HORTICULTURE**  
1,858



**4-H**  
4,278

**NUMBER OF  
PROGRAMS**



**76  
FORESTRY**



**WATER  
RESOURCES**  
1,174



**FOOD  
SAFETY &  
NUTRITION**  
2,967



**181  
AGRIBUSINESS**



▲ Fresh Veggies!

**Plan Shop and Save**

During the month of July, EFNEP Nutrition Educator Assistant, Joyce Baker and a group of homemakers toured the local KJ's IGA to teach the lesson: Plan Shop and Save. The importance of this lesson was to teach homemaker's how to plan ahead, and to save food dollars. One homemaker said using a shopping list helped her to save food dollars, and also, how planning ahead helped her to save time while food shopping.

During the lesson, prices were compared and shopping tips were given. Some of the tips included using fresh vegetables instead of canned goods and using fruits for snacks instead of chips, candy and pastries. Our tour was enjoyed by all, including homemakers and store employees.



◀ Stabile? Fibonacci? These are not words in the everyday vocabulary of most students. But this summer, thanks to some dedicated 4-H volunteers, youth in Chester and surrounding counties were able to study these aspects of art and more as part of a STEMart 4H Day Camp. Katie Glenn, a teen 4-H member, has been assisting with 4-H programs for several years. Using her own education and research, she put together several in-depth activities for the camp. Creative volunteers bring so much to 4-H!

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