

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES - 1955

Month

December and January	Strengthening of organizations, reorganization of others - Making plans for county events - Community surveys and live-at-home program - 4-H club reorganizational work.
February and March	Project work for adults and 4-H members - Plans for Short Course, Wildlife and Field events - Seed corn, discussions, fertilizers and recommendations - Lime and soil testing.
April and May	Garden demonstrators - Top dressings, seeding of pastures - Planting corn and gardens.
June and July	Home gardens, lawns - 4-H Short Course - Picnics and Field meetings - Harvest of Grain and seeding of soybeans.
August and September	Follow-up on certain already established demonstrations - Clipping of pastures, seeding of others - Fairs and exhibits - State Advisory Board Meeting.
October and November	Cover crops, harvest of beans and corn - Checking of results from certain projects and demonstrations - Annual meetings and annual reports.

DEMONSTRATIONS FOR 1955

Alfalfa, Williamsburg Variety	1
Wheat	2
Corn	10
Pasture Improvement	6
Pasture Management	10
Swine Improvement	6
Forestry	2
Home Improvement:	
Painting	10
Repairs	6
Running Water	3
Home Food Supply	10
Beef Cattle	1
Special 1,000 per acre Pasture Demonstration	1
Farm & Home Unit Demonstration	1

© COUNTY ACTIVITIES

County Advisory Board Meetings	3
District Farmers' Meetings	4
Tours (June & September)	2
Field Meetings	4
Achievement Days	1
Meetings at Demonstrations	4
Specialist Help Needed: Forestry, Pasture, Soils	
Cooperation With Other Agencies:	
Soil Conservation Service	
Production & Marketing Administration	
Federal Housing Administration	

MAJOR PROBLEMS IN COUNTY

1. Poor soil management practices in number of instances
2. Need for application of lime and phosphates on most farms
3. Great need for an increase in quality of feed and food on most farms
4. Need for more and better pastures
5. Need for more and better quality livestock on the farms
6. Many farm homes are in need of improvements and painting
7. To make better use of produce raised on the farm
8. Need for better usage and more information of farm and home nature, in helping to solve these problems

METHODS OF APPROACH

To get more farmers to take time and survey their situations, take in consideration their needs, study methods of approach to an economical solution and end through:

- a. Helping the farmers from the angle of his needs rather than from the angle of desire on part of the agent
- b. Helping the farmer study results on similar problems, methods used, and results obtained, then applying same if practical to his farm and problem
- c. Demonstrations, meetings, tours, and road signs
- d. Consultations, specialist help where needed, and actual work.

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COUNTY SITUATION, ESSEX COUNTY

Essex County is in the Upper Tidewater Area, with a moderate climate, and with a reasonable amount of rainfall. The soils are of the classification usually found in the coastal area, adapted to grain, grazing, and vegetables.

Hog and cattle raising is on the increase due to the available weekly market in the county.

POPULATION 1950 CENSUS

Full Owners - - - - -	193
Part Owners - - - - -	68
All Tenants - - - - -	19
Managers - - - - -	1

ORGANIZATIONS

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Members</u>
County Advisory Board	1	15
Community Clubs	6	280
Local Leaders	1	62
District Groups	1	2
4-H Council	1	12

OFFICERS OF COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

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| 1. T. S. Blagmon, President | Loretto, Virginia |
| 2. Mrs. Charity Muse, Secretary | Montaque, Virginia |
| 3. Persey L. Noel, Treasurer | Laneview, Virginia |

4-H COUNCIL

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| 1. Laura Morris, President | Center Cross, Virginia |
| 2. Virginia Blagmon, Secretary | Loretto, Virginia |
| 3. Franklin Johnson, Treasurer | Elevon, Virginia |

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

Virginia Polytechnic Institute &
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Cooperating

EXTENSION SERVICE
County Agent Work

PLAN OF WORK

COUNTY Essex

YEAR 1955

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