

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

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County Agent Work

PLAN OF WORK

COUNTY Nansemond

YEAR 1955

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President	Willie Peele	Rte. 3 Box 179	Suffolk, Virginia
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Secretary	Mrs. Evelyn Hunter	Rte. 1, Box 108	Holland, Virginia
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A-N Club JUNIOR COUNCIL

President	Allene Saunders	Rte. 2, Box 669	Suffolk, Virginia
Vice President	Joe H. Owen	Rte 2, Box 669	Suffolk, Virginia
Secretary	Dorothy Hall	Rte 1, Box 163	Suffolk, Virginia
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YOUNG MEN - YOUNG WOMEN

President	Melvin Holland	Rte. 3, Box 170	Suffolk, Virginia
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Secretary	Henry Rodgers, Jr.	Rte. 1	Windsor, Virginia
Treasurer	Carlton Owen	Rte. 1, Box 411	Suffolk, Virginia

COUNTY SITUATION

Hammond County has an area of 413 square miles. There are 1,546 farms with a total acreage of 257,280 acres of land. It can be reasonably assumed that there are 146,605 acres upon which improved practices have been followed. The farming situation in general is diversified and the people of the county depend chiefly upon agriculture for their livelihood.

Suffolk, the county seat, is the world's largest peanut market. There are also located here several meat packing plants and a city market has been recently modernized to handle a large amount of vegetables and meats directly from the farms.

There are four classified types of soil found in the county. They are Norfolk Sand, Norfolk Loam, Portsmouth Sand and Dark Peat.

The Extension Service activities are carried out through the constant study and plans of the various boards of the county.

COUNTY PLAN OF WORK FOR 1955

A. COUNTY POPULATION (Negro)

Number of farmers in the county	507
Full owners - - - - -	195
Part owners - - - - -	37
Tenants - - - - -	225
Share croppers - - - - -	81

ORGANIZATION:

County Advisory Board

Men	17	Women	20
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Community clubs	6	Number of families in clubs	215
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Number of leaders	25	Men leaders	10	Women leaders	15
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PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTY

- A. Some difficulty has been encountered in obtaining competent 4-H Club leaders in some of the communities where clubs are organized.
- B. Farmers fail to manage their poultry flocks to secure sufficient profit nor to maintain a sufficient number of birds to meet the family needs.
- C. Improvement is needed in maintaining sanitary water systems and installing water under pressure.
- D. Farmers need to keep more adequate records to aid them in evaluating their earnings and to aid them in filing their income tax return.
- F. There is a need to increase the number of dairy cows to meet the family needs.

DEMONSTRATIONSCROPS 100 Bushel Of Corn Per Acre.

Goal: To enroll 20 farmers in the 100 bushel corn club to show how 100 bushels of corn can be produced on one acre and to increase the corn yields throughout the county.

GRASS Improve pasture management.

Goal: Secure 10 farmers to conduct demonstrations on ladino clover or ladino clover and orchard grass in each of the magisterial districts.

PEANUTS Increase production and improve fertilization.

Goal: Select 10 farmers to conduct demonstrations with 46-2 variety with proper application of DDT and fertilizer recommendations.

COVER CROPS Improve cover crop practices.

Goal: Select 10 farmers to conduct cover crop demonstrations with abruzzi rye and clovers.

ALFALFA Increase acreage and improve stands.

Goal: To secure 2 additional alfalfa demonstrations in the county through the use of the "Williamburg" variety.

Soybeans: Proper culture and fertilization.

Goal: Select 5 farmers to conduct variety demonstrations with recommended soybeans and proper fertilization.

COTTON: Increase staple length and insect controlled.

Goal: Select 5 farmers to conduct demonstrations showing all good practices of production and insect control.

LIVESTOCK

SWINE Proper feeding and management.

Goal: To conduct 5 demonstrations on feeding and general management with approximately 50 hogs and pigs.

BEEF CATTLE Means of supplementing farm income.

Goal: To select 2 farmers to conduct beef cattle demonstrations involving 6 to 10 animals.

DAIRY CATTLE Increase dairy cows to meet family needs.

Goal: To select five farmers to 2 or more dairy cows following proper management of feeding and housing.

FARM AND HOME UNIT DEMONSTRATION Improvements in farm and home.

Goal: To conduct demonstrations which will involve the entire farm and home. Installation of a complete water system is one of the primary objectives.

FORESTRY Determining value and following proper management practices.

Goal: To select 2 farmers to conduct demonstrations on thinning of the forest trees and evaluating timber.

To work with club members on identification of trees and the use of trees.

VEGETABLE GARDENS

Goal: To select 5 farmers to conduct demonstrations with new varieties of corn, sweet potatoes and fertilization methods.

COUNTY WIDE ACTIVITIES

1. Tractor School.
2. Bounty Wide Social Security Meeting.
3. County Advisory Board Meeting.
4. National 4-H Club Meetings.
5. Leaders Training Meetings.
6. Rural Life Sunday.
7. Field Meetings At Result Demonstrations.
8. County Tour.
9. Tidewater Fair.
10. 4-H Club Market Hog Show.
11. 4-H Club Achievement Day.

FIELD MEETINGS AT RESULT DEMONSTRATIONS

Abraham L. Hunt
Rte 1, Box 662
Suffolk, Va.

To observe poultry project including laying record, poultry house and management practices. (150 layers)

Daniel Holland
Rte. 1, Box 175
Franklin, Va.

To observe stock water pond which is the first one constructed in the county for Negro farmers.

Henry Rodgers, Sr. Rte. 3, Box 334 Suffolk, Va.	To observe pasture demonstration conducted by N. C. & Va. Plant Food Institute. (1 acre)
Asburg Reid Rte. 2 , Holland, Va.	To observe pasture demonstration of 3 acres of ladino clover grazing approximately 50 hogs the year around.

CALENDAR OF WORK FOR EACH MONTH

FEBRUARY

1. To conduct County-Wide Social Security Information meeting
2. Hold County Advisory Board Meeting
3. Meet with the County Board of Supervisor
4. Contact all Agricultural Agencies.
5. Attend 4-H Club meetings
6. Contact all community leaders
7. Hold demonstration community group meeting.
8. Attend agent's training meeting at State College
- 9.
- 10.

March

1. Hold Soil Conservation meeting and movie in demonstration community
2. Send in soil samples for demonstration work
3. Have 4-H Clubs observe 4-H Club Week
4. Emphasized instruction on vegetable gardening.
5. Give publicity on March activities
6. Work with farmers on water systems
- 7.
- 8.

APRIL

1. Hold ASC Program meeting
2. Assist farmers in conducting crop demonstrations in cotton, peanuts, soybeans and gardening.
3. Assist 4-H Club members with poultry projects.
4. Follow up demonstrations being carried out on crop production
5. Follow up 4-H Club Market Hog Show and Pig Sale projects
6. Be represented at the State Farmers' Conference
7. Publicize extension activities of the month
8. Hold regular 4-H Club meetings.
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MAY

1. Observe Rural Life Sunday
2. Hold field meeting on control of cotton boll weevil
3. Plan benefits to finance club members to the State Short Course
4. Select delegates to the 4-H Club State Short Course (Va State College)
5. Follow up management demonstrations
6. Work with farmers on pressure water systems
- 7.
- 8.

JUNE

1. To send delegates to 4-H Club Short Course at Va. State College
2. Give full publicity to demonstrations being conducted in the county
3. Visit 4-H Club members' projects
4. Visit farm and home community projects
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JULY

1. Visit 4-H Club projects
2. Attend Annual Field meetings
3. Visit adult demonstrations and hold community meetings on Fall And Winter Gardens.
4. Hold County tour
5. Work with Tidewater Fair officials
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AUGUST

1. Hold meeting at the Holland Experiment Station
2. Visit 4-H Club projects
3. Hold field meeting on pasture
4. Send delegates to 4-H Wild Life Conference at Va State College
5. Visit community improvement projects
6. Give publicity to the work done in August
- 7.
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September

Visit 4-H Club pig projects

1. Check 4-H club work in general for the Annual Report and awards.
2. Check community improvement work
3. Hold community club meetings
4. Attend State Advisory Board meeting
5. Visit adult demonstrations
6. Publicize the work accomplished during the month

SEPTEMBER (cont)

8. Stress seeding of shrubbery and grass
- 9.
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OCTOBER

1. Work with the Tidewater Fair
2. Assist with the A-M Hog Market and Sale
3. Attend A-M club regular meetings, collecting reports for annual summary
4. Attend the Annual Agents' Conference
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- 6.

NOVEMBER

1. Compile Annual Reports
2. Work with A-MH members and leaders on the Achievement Day Program
3. Compile A-M and adult records
4. Publicize the work accomplished during the year
5. Hold advisory board meeting
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SPECIALIST HELP NEEDED

Official From Local Social Security Office

C. E. Gill
Associate Extension Forester
Blackburg, Virginia

Mr. M. T. Carter
Agronomist
Va. State College
Petersburg, Virginia

J. O. Rowell
Extension Entomologist
Blackburg, Virginia

J. E. Settle
Va State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Mr. Westington
Animal Husbandryman
Blackburg, Virginia

KIND OF SPECIALIST WANTED

To discuss Farmers' Social Security
February

To work with farmers on thinning and
estimating lumber and work with 4-H
members on tree identification
March

To work with 4-H Club members on
electrical projects.
April

To conduct demonstration on the control
of the cotton boll weevil
May or June

To judge the hogs at the Market Hog
Show and Sale. (Tidewater Fair) (4-H)

To judge the Tidewater Fair and the hogs
in the Market Hog Show and Sale. (4-H)
October