

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE WORK  
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AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

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PLAN OF WORK

COUNTY Sussex

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#### COUNTY SITUATION

The main crops in Sussex County, listed as to their importance are peanuts, corn, cotton, soybeans, tobacco and forestry. As to livestock, few beef and dairy cattle along with poultry are grown.

Peanuts are the largest cash crop grown in this county. Cotton, soybeans, tobacco and hogs would probably come next with Negro farmers.

The excellent feed supply makes the growing of hogs quite popular in this county. More acres of early corn and soybeans are hogged down every year. Hogs also have a considerable amount of peanuts and soybeans to clean up every year. Many Sussex County farmers increase their farm income every year from the sale of hogs.

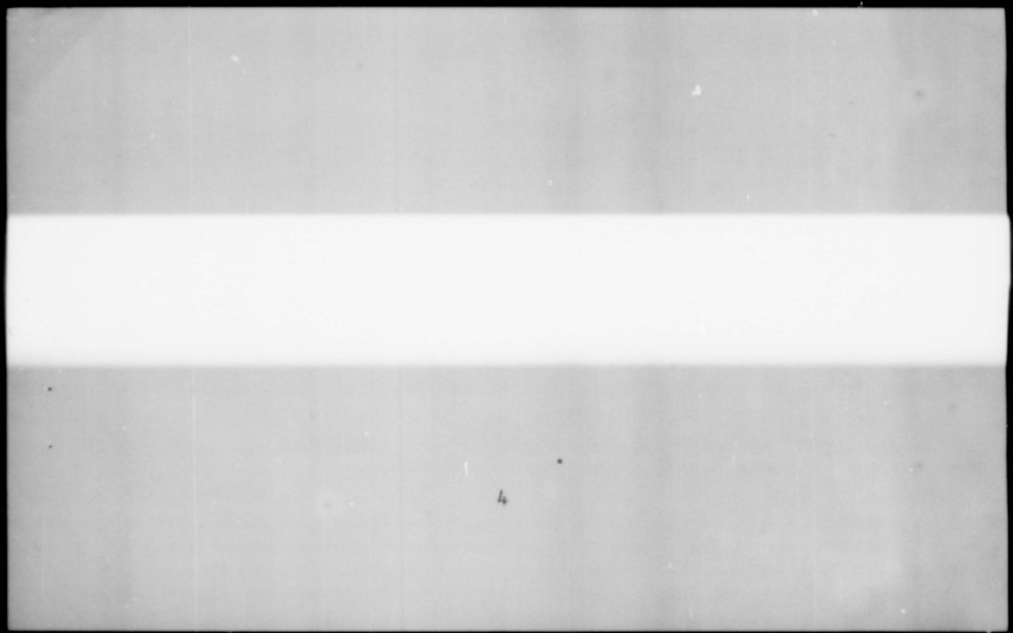
There are, among Negro farmers in this county, few small herds of dairy and beef cattle. We hope to increase the production of all livestock proportionately, as we are able to get more and better permanent pastures established.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS (1950 CENSUS)

Negro Farm Operators .....	766
Full Owners .....	206
Part Owners .....	184
All Tenants .....	412
Croppers .....	207

COUNTY EXTENSION ORGANIZATIONS

County Agricultural Advisory Board	
Members .....	72
Men .....	37
Women .....	35
County Junior 4-H Council	
Members .....	49
4-H Clubs .....	29
4-H Clubs .....	20
4-H Leaders	
Members .....	32
Men .....	9
Women .....	23
Community Clubs .....	4
Members (Men) .....	40
Families .....	60
Extension Leaders .....	350
Men .....	272
Women .....	78



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COUNTY-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Adult

December:

1. County Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting - Plan of Work

January:

1. Forestry Demonstration (Management) - Local Forester
2. Farmers Night - A good farm program - Demonstrators

March:

1. Pasture seeding demonstration - Farm Agent and Vocational-Ag Leaders
2. Pasture field meetings

April:

1. Soil classification School - Soil Specialist

June:

1. County Pasture Tour

July:

1. County Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting
2. Result Demonstration Tour

August:

1. Tour Farm and Home Unit Demonstration
2. Tour Improvement Community
3. Pasture Committee, Fish Fry or Barbeque

September:

1. Have Tobacco Assorting Demonstration

October:

1. Poultry Culling Demonstration

4-H

December:

1. 4-H Jr. Council and Leaders Association - 4-H Plan of Work
2. Have 4-H Christmas Party
3. Contact Ford Motor Company of Emporia, Va. about conducting Tractor Maintenance School

February:

1. Tractor Operator's Clinic

March:

1. Observe National 4-H Week (Special Program)

April:

1. 4-H Electrical Clinic
2. Soil Classification School - Soil Specialist

May:

1. 4-H Sunday Program
2. 4-H Jr. Council and Leaders Association - (4-H Picnic)

June:

1. State 4-H Short Course - Virginia State College
2. 4-H Garden Tour

August:

1. State Wildlife and Conservation Camp - Virginia State College
2. 4-H Picnic

November:

1. Observe National 4-H Achievement Week

FIELD MEETINGS AT RESULT DEMONSTRATIONS

April, 1955: Pasture Field Meetings on the farm of Joe Newsome, Jr.  
near Sussex C. H., Virginia

May, 1955: Pasture Field Meeting on the farm of Luke Cooper of  
Littleton, Virginia

July, 1955: Corn and peanut field meeting on the farm of Watt Bailey  
of Piney Grove Community

August, 1955: Corn Field Meeting on the farm of Joe Newsome, Jr.  
near Sussex C. H., Virginia

August, 1955: Cotton Field Meeting on the farm of Mansien Parham  
of Hunting Quarter Community

● August, 1955: Tour all result demonstrations.

NAME AND ADDRESSES OF ALL DEMONSTRATORS

Pasture:

Adolphus Curley	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
W. M. Moss	Route 1	Carson, Virginia
M. C. Parham	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
Samuel Spencer	Route 1	Yale, Virginia
Joseph Newsome, Jr.	Star Route 4	Waverly, Virginia
Luke Cooper		Littleton, Virginia
J. W. Davis	Route 1	Waverly, Virginia
Lawrence Taylor	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia

Corn:

Adolphus Curley	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
Joseph F. Newsome, Jr.	Star Route 4	Waverly, Virginia
Watt Bailey	Route 2	Waverly, Virginia
Whitt Urquhart	Route 1	Waverly, Virginia
B. B. Jones	Route 2	Waverly, Virginia
M. D. Jones		Stony Creek, Virginia
Peter Ford	Route 2	Jarratt, Virginia

Cotton:

M. C. Parham	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
Adolphus Curley	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
Joseph Newsome, Jr.	Star Route 4	Waverly, Virginia

Peanuts:

Adolphus Curley	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
Lawrence Taylor	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
Willie Massenburg	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
Watt Bailey	Route 2	Waverly, Virginia
Peter Ford	Route 2	Jarratt, Virginia

Tobacco:

James Melton	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
Charlie Neaves, Sr.	Route 1	Stony Creek, Virginia
Peter Ford	Route 2	Jarratt, Virginia

Soybeans:

Charlie Neaves, Sr.	Route 1	Stony Creek, Virginia
M. D. Jones		Stony Creek, Virginia

Beef Cattle:

<del>Lawrence Taylor</del>		Littleton, Virginia
J. W. Davis	Route 1	Waverly, Virginia
Ernest Massenburg	Route 1	Waverly, Virginia

Hogs:

Lawrence Taylor	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
Samuel Spencer	Route 1	Yale, Virginia
Adolphus Curley	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia

Poultry:

Mrs. Florence Curley	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
Mrs. Claircy Taylor	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
Mr. B. B. Jones	Route 2	Waverly, Virginia
Mrs. Annie Spencer	Route 1	Yale, Virginia
Mrs. Carrie Freeman	Star Route 4	Waverly, Virginia

Garden:

Sterling Minnicks	Route 1	Stony Creek, Virginia
Stony Creek #1 4-H Boy		
Willie L. Taylor	Route 1	Yale, Virginia
Yale 4-H Club Boy		
Kyler Reed, Jr.	Route 2	Stony Creek, Virginia
1st Baptist 4-H Club Boy		

3. Educational Activities.
  - a. Press and radio releases.
  - b. Discussions at meetings.
  - c. Circular letters and bulletins to farmers.
  - d. Have tours.
  - e. Meetings at demonstrations at appropriate stage of maturity.

C. Cotton

1. Goal. To establish two demonstrations in the county, using the latest recommended varieties and techniques of production.
2. Methods to be used.
  - a. Select strategic locations for demonstrations.
  - b. Supervise jobs (land preparation, fertilizing, cultivation and poisoning).
  - c. See that all parts of demonstration gets same treatment.
  - d. Publicize location and progress of demonstration.
3. Educational Activities.
  - a. Press and radio releases.
  - b. Discussions at meetings.
  - c. Circular letters to farmers.
  - d. Meetings at demonstrations at appropriate stage of maturity.
  - e. Have tours.

D. Tobacco

1. Goal. To conduct at least three demonstrations in the county, using latest techniques in production, harvesting and assorting. Latest fertilization and disease control practices will also be followed.
2. Methods to be used.
  - a. Select strategic locations for demonstrations.
  - b. Supervise all activities (land preparation, fertilization, cultivation, poisoning, harvesting, curing, and assorting).
  - c. Make sure that all parts of demonstration receive same treatment.
  - d. Publicize location and progress of demonstration.
3. Educational Activities.
  - a. Press and radio releases.
  - b. Discussions at meetings.
  - c. Circular letters and leaflets to farmers.
  - d. Meetings at demonstrations at appropriate stage of maturity.
  - e. Have tours.

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E. Soybeans

1. Goal. To conduct at least two demonstrations using recommended varieties, fertilizer and cultural practices.
2. Methods to use.
  - a. Select strategic locations for demonstrations.
  - b. Be sure that both demonstrations get all recommended practices.
  - c. Supervise all jobs (land preparation, proper fertilization and disease control).
  - d. Publicize progress and location of demonstration.
3. Educational Activities.
  - a. Press and radio releases.
  - b. Discussions at meetings.
  - c. Circular letters and bulletins to farmers.
  - d. Field meetings at demonstrations at appropriate stage of maturity.
  - e. Have tours.

F. Garden

1. Goal. To conduct at least three demonstrations in the county, using the latest varieties and techniques of production. Help farmers to realize the value of a year 'round garden on the farm.
2. Methods to be used.
  - a. Select strategic location for demonstration.
  - b. Supervise all activities (land preparation and conservation, fertilizing, planting, cultivation and poisoning).
  - c. Be sure that all parts of demonstration gets same treatment.
  - d. Publicize location and progress of demonstration.
3. Educational Activities.
  - a. Press and radio releases.
  - b. Discussions at meetings.
  - c. Circular letters and leaflets to farmers.
  - d. Meetings at demonstrations at appropriate stage of maturity.
  - e. Have tours.

G. Pasture

1. Goal. To conduct at least eight demonstrations in the county, using latest mixtures (recommended by experiment stations and Agricultural Colleges) and fertilizer requirements. Pastures will be fertilized with 800-1000 lbs. fertilizer (top dressed) annually and properly managed, so as to give a longer grazing period.

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2. Method of Procedure.
    - a. Select strategic locations for demonstrations.
    - b. Supervise all jobs (preparing land, fertilization and manuring).
    - c. Be sure that all parts of demonstration gets same treatment.
    - d. Publicize location and progress of demonstration.
  3. Educational Activities.
    - a. Press and radio releases.
    - b. Discussions at meetings.
    - c. Circular letters and bulletins to farmers.
    - d. Meetings at demonstrations at appropriate stage of maturity.
    - e. Have tours.

#### H. Livestock and Poultry

1. Goal. To conduct at least two demonstrations each in the county, using good breeds and feeding practices.
2. Methods to use.
  - a. Select strategic locations for demonstrations.
  - b. Make sure that animals and birds are properly fed.
  - c. Make sure that animals and birds have good houses-barns.
  - d. Teach owners how to protect animals and birds from diseases and parasites.
  - e. Give publicity to demonstrations (location and progress).
3. Educational Activities.
  - a. Press and radio releases.
  - b. Discussion at meetings.
  - c. Circular letters and bulletins to farmers.
  - d. Field meetings at demonstrations.
  - e. Have tours.

#### I. Forestry

1. Goal. To teach farmers the importance of the farm woodland as a "cash crop" to be harvested regular, like other crops on the farm and the use of trees in soil-water conservation.
2. Methods to use.  
To be held at least one case of tree seedlings.

2. Methods to follow.

- a. Help family plan project to finance their needs (crop-lives).
- b. Help family plan year 'round garden.
- c. Give publicity to this farm and home unit.
- d. Give family fertilization and cultivation hints for all crops.

3. Educational Activities.

- a. Individual conferences.
- b. Circular letters and bulletins.
- c. Have county-wide meeting at demonstration unit.
- d. Radio and press releases on this farm and home unit.

L. Demonstration Community

The Demonstration Community for Sussex County is Hunting Quarter Community, located 4 miles east of Stony Creek, Virginia, on State Route 40.

1. Goals.

- a. To get farmers to plant more permanent pastures.
- b. To get farmers to increase livestock production.
- c. To get every farmer to apply for soil conservation plans.
- d. To get every farmer to participate in A.C.P. programs.
- e. To get every farmer to grow a year 'round garden.
- f. Give guidance in selection of 4-H projects.
- g. Encourage more project completions (4-H).
- h. To get farmers to grow more and better livestock feed.
- i. To get farmers to protect livestock from diseases and parasites.

2. Methods to use.

- a. Have at least one demonstration in major crops grown.
- b. Try to establish at least one complete soil-water conservation plan on a farm in community every year.
- c. Supervise activities of all demonstrations (jobs).
- d. Publicize location and progress of all demonstrations.
- e. Monthly 4-H and community club meetings.
- f. Conferences with parents of 4-H members.

3. Educational Activities.

- a. Radio and press releases.
- b. Discussions at meetings.
- c. Circular letters and leaflets to all farmers.
- d. Tour of all demonstrations at appropriate time.
- e. Observe National 4-H Week, 4-H Sunday, Achievement Week (county-wide program) and present radio programs.

M. Cooperation with Other Agencies

1. Soil and Water Conservation

- a. Goals.
  - (1) Teach farmers importance of S.C.S. in farming.

- (2) Encourage more farmers to complete S.C.S. plans.  
(3) Have county-wide meeting with soil specialist speaker.

2. Farmers Home Administration

a. Goals.

- (1) Assist agency to teach farmers importance of F. H. A.  
(2) Assist farmers in contacting supervisor.  
(3) Arrange for meeting with farmers and supervisor.

3. Production and Marketing Administration

a. Goals.

- (1) Aid agency in teaching farmers importance of agency.  
(2) Encourage more farmers to cooperate with agency.  
(3) Teach farmers importance of soil tests.  
(4) Arrange for meeting with farmers and P.M.A. Supervisor.

4. Other Agencies

- a. Goal. Complete cooperation and assistance will be given wherever their program needs the assistance of the extension agent and when it will benefit the greatest number of people.

CALENDAR OF WORK FOR 1955

December

Reorganize all clubs (4-H, O. Y. and Community).  
Have Advisory Board Meeting - 1955 Plan of Work.  
Meet with 4-H Jr. Council and 4-H Leaders Association - 4-H  
Plan of Work for 1955.  
Send out letters on ACP meeting.  
4-H Christmas Parties (individual clubs).  
Get first score for improvement community.  
Get pasture demonstration soil tested.  
Contact Ford Motor Company of Emporia, Virginia about conducting 4-H  
tractor maintenance clinic.

January

Agronomy Committee Meeting - fertilizers  
Pasture Committee - top dressing and seeding improved pastures  
County Advisory Board Meeting (Plans for State Advisory Board  
Meeting).  
Meet all clubs - meat curing.  
Complete 4-H enrollment.  
Outline work for improvement community.  
Outline work for farm and Home Unit Demonstration.

February

Make out 4-H Enrollment.  
Meet with all clubs - Farms and Project records.

### July

Letters: Co. Advisory Board Meeting, Result Demonstration Tour  
and Corn and peanut field meeting.  
Have Co. Agr. Advisory Board Meeting.  
Have Result Demonstration Tour.  
Visit all demonstrations.  
Meet 4-H clubs - record books - wildlife delegates.  
Meet community clubs - livestock and pasture.  
Visit all 4-H projects.  
Corn and peanut field meeting - Watt Bailey's farm - Waverly, Virginia.

### August

Letters: State 4-H Wildlife camp, demonstration farm and community,  
have pasture committee fish fry, 4-H picnic and corn field  
meeting, and cotton field meeting.  
Attend State 4-H wildlife and cons. Camp with delegates.  
Tour community and farm-home unit demonstrations.  
Have pasture committee fish fry.  
Have 4-H picnic.  
Corn field meeting - Joe Newsome, Jr.'s farm.  
Cotton field meeting - Monsier Parham's farm.

### September

Letters: Tobacco Assorting demonstration.  
Have Tobacco Assorting Demonstration  
Meet 4-H Clubs - records and projects.  
Meet community clubs - improved pasture.

### October

Letters: Poultry culling demonstration, National 4-H Achievement  
Week observance.  
Home Poultry Culling demonstration - A. Lawrence Dean, Poultry  
Specialist.  
Attend Annual Farm-home Agents Meeting, Virginia State College  
Meet 4-H Clubs - Records  
Meet community clubs - farm and home records  
Begin work on Annual reports  
Check pasture demonstrations.  
Get 100 bushel corn club samples.

### November

Letters: National 4-H Achievement Week.  
Observe National 4-H Achievement Week.  
Work on Annual reports.  
Check pasture demonstrations.  
Get second score on Live-At-Home Community.  
Complete all annual reports.