

1958

OCTOBER

County Achievement Exhibits; Fat Pig Show and Sale,
Fall seeding; Farm and Home Development Work.

NOVEMBER

Completing demonstration records; Annual Reports; Farm
and Home Development Work.

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MARCH

Planning for Field and Pasture Demonstration Meeting; meeting of 4-H Committee on Fat Pig Show and Sale. Seed and Fertilizers; Farm and Home Development Work.

APRIL

Pastures Demonstrations; 4-H Club meetings; Advisory Boards; 4-H Councils, State Farmers Conference -- visit crop and livestock demonstrations. Prince George County Advisory Board Rally, Fat Pig Show and Sale work continued; Farm and Home Development Work.

MAY

Keeping up interest in Live-At-Home work; community and 4-H Clubs, Fat Pig Work; Plans for State Short Course; Annual Outing; cooperating with other agencies, Farm and Home Development Work.

JUNE

State Short Course; Work with crop and livestock demonstrations; plan for 4-H Outings completed; Fat Pig Work continued; Farm and Home Development Work.

JULY

Plans for State Wildlife and Conservation Conference; County Tour; Small Grain and other early crop records completed; plans for State Advisory Board; cooperating with other agencies. Fall Garden Work Begins; 4-H outings; Farm and Home Development Work.

AUGUST

Completing plans for State Advisory Board; keeping up interest in demonstrations; Farm and Home Development Work.

SEPTEMBER

State Advisory Board; Rounding up 4-H Pig Show and Sales; Annual Agents meeting; Farm and Home Development Work.

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VII. Demonstrations

<u>Prince George County</u>		<u>Surry County</u>		
<u>Crops</u>	<u>No. Demonstrations</u>	<u>No. Acres</u>	<u>No. Demonstrations</u>	<u>No. Acres</u>
Corn	6	60	6	60
Peanuts	6	50	6	50
Pastures	6	40	6	40
Clover	4	30	4	30
Rye	6	60	6	60
Soybeans	6	60	6	60
Gardens	6	6	6	6
	<u>40</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>306</u>
Forestry	6	16		
<u>Livestock</u>				<u>Total</u>
Poultry-Chickens	5		5	10
Turkeys	3		3	6
Hogs	8		8	16
Beef Cattle	3		3	6
Dairy Cattle	3		3	6
Total				<u>44</u>

VIII. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER

Planning and submitting 1958 Program of Work; Livestock Sanitation; Farm and Home Development Work.

JANUARY

Information Meetings, Outlook, Income Tax, Social Security, Advisory Boards Program for 1958 completing plans for principal county-wide committees. Orchards, vineyards and poultry. Farm and Home Development Work.

FEBRUARY

Reorganization of 4-H Councils, meeting of 4-H Clubs Executive Committee, 4-H Enrollment, Surry County Advisory Board's Rally, vineyard and orchard work completed, cooperating with other agencies. Farm and Home Development Work.

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3. In making survey in number two, determined cash returns, or equivalent, from crops, livestock, or other sources of income.
 - a. List families wishing desired goals.
 - b. Suggest and outline plans to increase income by increasing yield of crops, livestock at less expense.
4. Basic Maintenance of Farm.
 - A. Conservation Plan
 - B. Soil improving crops and proper use of other fertilizers.
 - c. Permanent Pastures and Livestock.
5. Farm Buildings
 1. Building or repairing dwelling to fit family's needs.
 - a. Beautification inside and out.
 - b. Convenient water supply.
 - c. Landscaping the Lawn.
 2. Necessary out-buildings
Building or repairs for outhouses.
6. Food For the Family
 1. Year-round garden
 - a. Storage of surplus foods
 2. Farm Poultry Flock (30 laying hens or more)
 - a. Storage of surplus meat.
 3. Family Cow

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IV. Organizations

1. Members of County Advisory Boards:

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
72	78	150
2. Community Clubs		10
3. Families in Clubs		479
4. Leaders		220

V. Keeping Up Interest in Organizations

1. New activities Based on Wants and Needs in the Community
2. Security as Found only True Values: Faith, Hope and Love
 - a. In God
 - b. In Country
 - c. In Neighbors
3. Stage one big objective that will attract attention, create interest, and assure confidence of all the people in the community and county. The outstanding activity for 1958 will be pasture and hogs.

VI. Farm and Home Development Work

1. Explain this matter thoroughly to the Advisory Board and prospective clients.
Use family who are converted to the Task.
2. A survey of what is in hand on the farm and in the home.
 - a. Pictures at starting point will be helpful to show progress.
 - b. Too much diplomacy cannot be exercised in making the survey.

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Soils Cont'd.

Surry County

A. Principal Types of Soils

1. Norfolk - Well Drained
2. Atlee - Poorly Drained
3. Rumford - Well Drained
Marlboro
4. Dunbar - Poorly Drained
Lenoir
5. Carven - Erosive on Slope
Caroline

B. Principal Crops and Livestock

1. Corn
2. Peanuts
3. Hogs and Beef Cattle

III. County Population

1. <u>Number of Families in County</u>			
	<u>Prince George</u>	<u>Surry</u>	<u>Total</u>
Owners	325	396	721
Tenants	65	80	145
Share-croppers	39	78	117

in the State in number of hogs. Cattle have doubled during the past ten years, and now sales of cattle and calves provide over 5 percent of the cash income. Other important sources of cash income are corn, soybeans, poultry, milk and forest products. In 1954, the principal groups of products sold were field crops, mostly peanuts, which supplied 58.4 percent of the total value of sales; livestock, mostly hogs, 35.9 percent; poultry, 1.7 percent; dairy products, 1.5 percent; and forest products, 2.3 percent.

Nearly 70 percent of the county's area is wooded and farms contain nearly 60,000 acres of woodland. The production of lumber and pulpwood provides employment for many people and brings considerable revenue to the county.

The county seat is located in the town of Surry.

II. Soils

Prince George County

A. Principal Types of Soil:

1. Atlee
2. Caroline
3. Norfolk
4. Rumford

B. Principal Crops and Livestock

1. Corn
2. Small grain
3. Peanuts
4. Beef Cattle and Hogs

of the farms are noncommercial--residential farms, institutional farms, or part-time enterprises.

Fort Lee, a large military installation just outside Petersburg, lies wholly in Prince George County, and there are several other large Federal and State properties.

2. Surry County

Surry County is located in the south central Coastal Plain with the James River its northern boundary. In 1954, land in farms totaled 98,580 acres, 55 percent of the county's area of 179,200 acres. According to the 1954 Census of Agriculture, there were 678 farms averaging 145.4 acres in size and \$16,686 in value of land and buildings.

The topography is level to gently rolling, with elevations ranging from sea level to about 120 feet in the western part of the county. Temperatures average 40 degrees in January and 77 degrees in July. The frost-free growing season is 190 days, extending from around April 15 to October 22. Annual precipitation averages about 48 inches and is well distributed throughout the year.

Agriculture is the principal industry and the value of farm products sold annually amounts to more than three million dollars. The peanut crop is the leading source of cash farm income and supplies nearly 52 percent of the total. Hogs are second with about 30 percent. This is the fifth ranking county

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I. County Situation

1. Prince George County

Prince George County was formed in 1702 from Charles City County and named for the consort of Queen Anne. The first settlement was made in 1613 at City Point where the Appomattox River flows into the James, and many patents granted within the county were dated prior to 1620. Hopewell, an independent city within the county, came into existence during World War I and was incorporated in 1916. It was named for Hopewell Farms, an estate established in 1635, and today includes City Point, the oldest settlement. The county seat is located at Prince George near the center of the county.

In 1950 Prince George County had a population of 19,679, and Hopewell had 10,219. Effective January 1, 1952, Hopewell annexed a part of the county, and the resulting populations were approximately 15,285 for Prince George County, and 15,955 for Hopewell.

Within this county still stand some of Virginia's most interesting and beautiful colonial residences--Brandon, Upper Brandon, and Appomattox Manor. Part of the Petersburg National Military Park, including the famous Crater Battlefield and the Museum, lies in Prince George County.

Tobacco, cotton, peanuts, and general farm crops are profitably raised here. The increase in livestock calls for increased cultivation of feed and pasture crops. Two-fifths

FOREWORD

The Federation of County Schools has changed greatly the number of meetings and meeting places of both community and 4-H Clubs in the two counties.

Yet certain definite demonstrations are set up in each community in the form of Extension activities.

Goal For 1958 in 4-H Club Work

Prince George County - - - - -	350 members
Surry County - - - - -	<u>550</u> members
Total	900 members

Other demonstrations and Adult Demonstrations are Mentioned Elsewhere in Plan of Work.

Adult Pasture Demonstration

In 1958 there will be two Field Meetings held at Pasture Demonstrations, one in Prince George, and one in Surry County.

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 PRINCE GEORGE & SURRY

YEAR 1958

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