### **Our Goal**

Agriculture programs help sustain the profitability of agricultural production and enhance and protect the quality of our land and water resources. Virginia Cooperative Extension strives to improve the well-being of Virginians and increase producers' profitability through programs that help put research-based knowledge to work in people's lives.



We offer programs based on the needs of the community. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any suggestions for programs or questions we might be able to help you address.

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Pulaski County Unit

Helping Pulaski County Residents Is Our Mission



Agriculture & Natural Resources Programs







### Agriculture in Pulaski

Pulaski County has a strong and active agricultural community with approximately: 445 farms and an agricultural market value over \$28 million. Livestock sales make up 92% of this value while pasture and crops compose over 78% of all agricultural land. The average farm size is 217 acres. Much of this is derived from the marketing of feeder calves; however, breeding cattle, milk, lambs, wool, goats, hay, wheat, and corn are all revenue sources for farmers. Additionally, some local producers have developed a growing interest in agritourism, nursery stock, greenhouse tomatoes, and vineyards; which are expanding the variety of this area's agricultural community.



# What We Offer

The educational programs that Virginia Cooperative Extension offers to area agricultural producers vary with current needs. A small sampling of recent Extension programs that have been provided in Pulaski County include:

- NRV Field Day at Kentland Farm
- Cattle Management and Marketing
- Cattle Health and Nutrition
- Beef Quality Assurance Certification
- Forage & Crop Production
- Pasture and Weed Management
- Apple & Pear Tree Grafting
- Household Water Quality Workshop
- Aquaculture Workshop
- Private and Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification and Recertification
- Pesticide and Container Recycling
- 4-H Livestock Club



Additionally, the Pulaski County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension provides the following services

- Soil Testing/Forage Testing
- Insect & Weed Identification
- Plant disease Identification
- Manure Testing

# What is Extension?

Virginia Cooperative Extension is an educational outreach program of Virginia's land-grant universities: <u>Virginia</u> <u>Tech</u> and <u>Virginia State University</u>, and a part of the National Institute for Food and Agriculture, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture.



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