

# 4-H HIGHLIGHTS



**22** youth participated in the 4-H presentations program including **9** first time presenters. **15** went on to present at the state level. **One** earned a spot on the NC 4-H Horse Communications team and went on to **win 3 national level contests**.

One Currituck 4-Her was inducted into the NC 4-H Honor Club - the **highest achievement** level afforded to NC 4-H members.



Youth in the Community Service and Restitution Program expanded and maintained the community and teaching garden and **donated over 600 pounds** of fresh vegetables to local organizations.

**Three** Currituck youth earned a spot on the NC Shootings Sports team to **compete nationally** in 2023.



Two **new 4-H clubs** were formed in 2022 and **9 new adult volunteers** were certified.

# FCS HIGHLIGHTS



The new program, "*Night Out with Extension*" was launched in collaboration with the agriculture department. This initiative takes farm to fork education out into the community and reached **22 clients** new to Extension programs.

**Ten** food service workers were trained and **Servsafe Certified** in safe food handling practices thereby reducing the risk of foodborne illness in their establishments.



**75** citizens attended food preservation classes learning safe food handling, reducing food waste, stretching their food dollars and extending their access to locally grown produce.

More than **252** counseling appointments were conducted with Medicare beneficiaries **saving these clients over \$78,000** in prescription drug costs.



# AG HIGHLIGHTS



**Seventeen** new Extension Master Gardener Volunteers were certified and immediately began volunteering in Extension outreach and community projects.

As a result of Extension demonstrations and classes, **37 new wildflower plots** have been established throughout Currituck County **increasing available pollinator habitat.**



Corn variety trials conducted by Extension resulted in an average **increase in production of 7.4 bushels** per acre or **\$45 per acre increased profit** for area farmers.

The agriculture department offered **109 educational programs** and conducted **385 home and field visits** to provide hands-on education to homeowners and farmers in 2022.

# OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



Currituck Extension and partners raised **\$18,689** to support the Currituck 4-H Backpacks for Kids weekend feeding program. **110 children were served over 21,000 meals** throughout 2022.

Community-wide events planned by Currituck Extension such as the Currituck Farm Festival, the Currituck Home Flower and Garden Show and the Currituck Holiday Tree Lighting **broke attendance records and reached thousands.**



Use of the CCRC increased by 37% from 2021 to 2022.

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Average visitors to the CCRC per month in 2022

