Another Retirement!
Addie Sugg, our Administrative Secretary for the Edgecombe Extension Center, will retire at the end of this month and Friday, January 29th will be her last day in the office. Addie began her career in Extension as the 4-H Secretary and many of us grew up with her taking care of our 4-H business. Addie has always been a hard-working and dependable team member and her presence will be greatly missed!

Establishment and Management of Muscadine Grapes
Saturday, February 20th – 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Edgecombe County Administrative Building Auditorium

Connie Fisk, NC State University Extension Associate, will be here to discuss planting, care and management of muscadine grapes along with a demonstration of proper pruning techniques. Cost is $2.00 per person to cover speaker travel.

Getting More Out Of Your Garden Workshop
Saturday, February 27th – 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
East Carolina Ag & Education Center
1175 Kingsboro Road, Rocky Mount

This workshop will help gardeners and small vegetable operations get more produce and possibly income from their land. Topics to be addressed include sequential planting to create a wider window of harvest, improving post-harvest handling and management, and a pest management update.

US Census 2010
Be on the lookout for the 2010 Census forms to be mailed out in mid-March! Accurate census data helps determine congressional representation, grant funding, and infrastructure development. For each person who is not counted, North Carolina will lose approximately $10,000 over the next 10 years. This year’s form is simple with only 10 questions. April 1 is Census Day and Census workers will visit households that have not returned forms from May through July.

Edgecombe Forestry Banquet
Tuesday, March 9th – 6:30 pm
East Carolina Ag & Education Center
1175 Kingsboro Road, Rocky Mount

The annual Forestry Banquet will address topics to help landowners get more income from their land. We will hear about programs available which help enhance wildlife opportunities and allow landowners to receive annual income. Other topics will include landowner liability issues and the necessity of hunting leases.
Boating Safety Courses
East Carolina Agriculture and Education Center
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm each night
Classes meet for 2 nights
February 1st and 2nd
March 22nd and 23rd
April 12th and 13th
May 3rd and 4th
June 14th and 15th
July 19th and 20th

Hunter Safety Courses
East Carolina Agriculture and Education Center
6:00 pm – 9:30 pm each night
Classes meet for 3 nights
August 9, 10, and 11th
September 13, 14, and 15th
October 4, 5, and 6th
November 1, 2, and 3rd
December 6, 7 and 8th

Other Upcoming Events:
February 4th @ 7:00 pm Pesticide License Recertification - Tarboro
February 9th @ 10:00 am Pesticide License Recertification - Tarboro
February 11th @ 10:00 am NCDA&CS Price Risk Management Workshop – Weldon
August 24th @ 7:00 pm Pesticide License Recertification – Tarboro

For more information on either of these two courses being offered through the 4-H Office, please call 252-641-7827.

Congratulations to Burt Philips who won the $100 gift card to Lowe’s for completing the 2009 Grower Survey.