

JULY 2025



THE ROOTS

Fauquier County Cooperative Extension

FAUQUIER FAIR IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!

Come on out and celebrate with us the Fauquier Fair's 75th Anniversary!

2025 FAUQUIER COUNTY FAIR

**BARN ENTRIES
OPEN**

**CLOSES: JULY 6TH AT
MIDNIGHT**

Online at
fauquierfair.com/livestock-exhibitors

FAUQUIER COUNTY FAIR
75TH
ANNIVERSARY
JULY 10-19, 2025

2025 FAUQUIER COUNTY FAIR

Help us celebrate the
DIAMOND
75th Anniversary
and decorate the barns!

**BARN THEME:
DIAMONDS IN THE
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Calling all photographers!

Do you have a photo of a Fauquier County landscape that you want featured in our newsletter? Email your photo submissions to Meredith Day at meredithday@vt.edu

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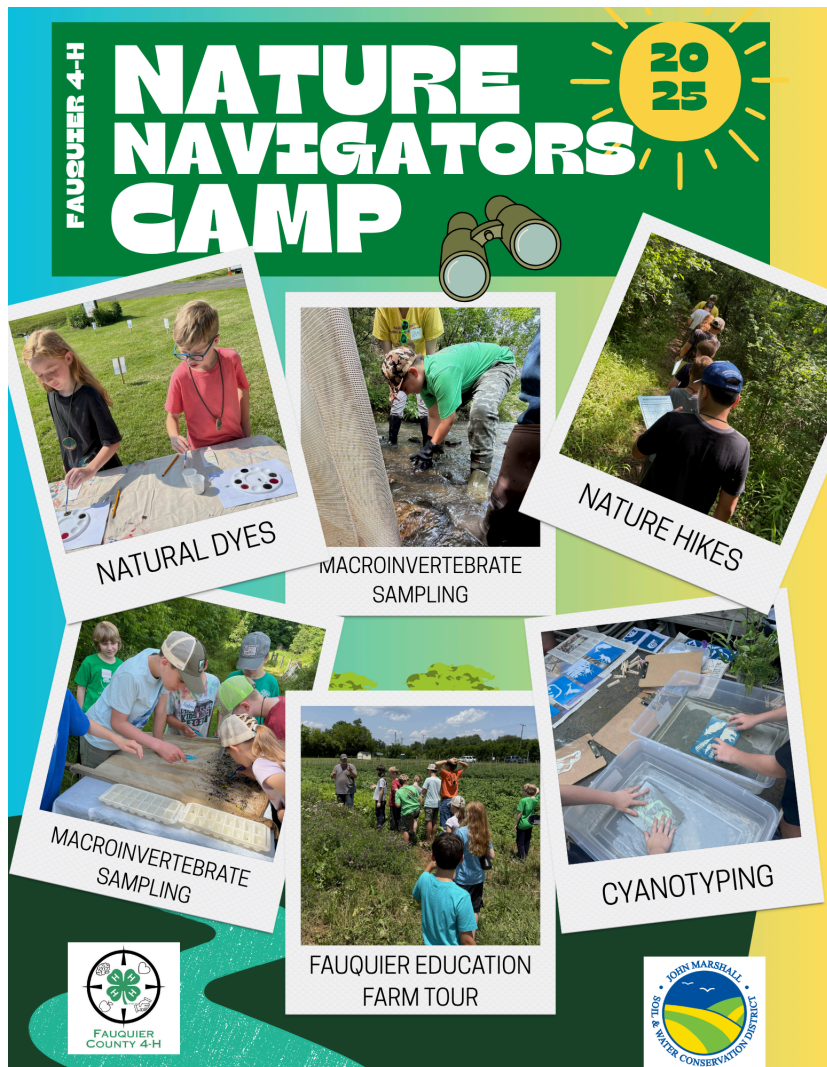
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THE CLOVER CORNER

NATURE NAVIGATORS SUMMER DAY CAMP RECAP



Fauquier County 4-H and John Marshall Soil & Water Conservation District's 2025

Nature Navigators camp is officially wrapped up! We packed the week with hands-on learning about watersheds, wildlife, stream monitoring, chemical reactions, the environment and more! Here is a quick recap:

On Monday, we learned about watersheds and how to protect our natural resources. We then investigated the diets of the barn owl with owl pellet dissections. The day wrapped up with games to learn about how pollinators pollinate our plants and how bats feed on insects!

On Tuesday, we spent our day at the Fauquier Education Farm and in Turkey Run. We learned how to collect stream data with biological, physical and chemical monitoring by taking measurements and collecting (and releasing) macroinvertebrates! We wrapped up the

day with a discussion with Fauquier Education Farm's Executive Director, Jim, about where our food comes from!

On Wednesday, we traveled to the Fauquier Outdoor Lab to learn about the physical and behavioral adaptations of wildlife, study chemical reactions with cyanotyping, and explore our environment with a nature hike!

On Thursday, we wrapped up the week with hands-on activities provided by Oak Spring Garden Foundation to teach about the natural dyes found in plants, and then learned about some adaptations and migration patterns of birds with games and more art!

Thank you to all of our participants in this year's camp!



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2025 LOUDOUN- FAUQUIER 4-H CAMP RECAP



The 2025 Loudoun-Fauquier 4-H Camp was a huge success! Thanks to our adult volunteers and the Northern Virginia 4-H Center staff, we had a wonderful week at camp. We weathered a few rainy days but managed to still get plenty of sunshine, pool time, and outdoor fun! Campers enjoyed classes including high ropes, archery, fishing, canoeing, tie dye, campfire cooking, baking, arts & crafts, painting party, mad science, fitness fun, water sports, and so much more!

If your teen is interested in becoming a camp counselor for our 2026 camp, applications will be open around November of 2025. Teens will need to apply, provide references, interview, and if selected attend trainings to prepare for next year's camp. Applying to be a camp counselor is a great opportunity to build career preparedness and acquire interview skills. Camper registration for 2026 camp will open in March of 2026.



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NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS MARKET ON AUGUST 2ND!

Be on the lookout for our Next Generation Entrepreneurs at the Warrenton Farmers Market on August 2nd! Come on out and support our youth vendors - some favorites from last season and some new! First Saturdays May - September. Find us in the upper Parking Lot A (corner of Lee and Ashby St) at the Warrenton Farmers Market. Stay tuned on Facebook and Instagram for updates!

FAUQUIER 4-H NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS	FIRST SAT
	MAY 3 JUNE 7 JULY 5 AUG 2 SEPT 6
8 AM - 12 PM	Warrenton Farmers Market Parking Lot A Corner of Lee and Ashby St. Warrenton, VA 20186



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ROAD TO THE STATE 4-H HORSE & PONY SHOW

2025 ROAD TO THE VIRGINIA STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

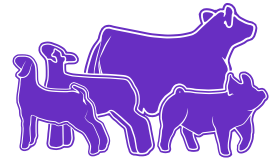
- 2/1 YOUTH FULLY ENROLLED IN 4-H ONLINE
- 5/1 4-H ONLINE DECLARATION PORTAL OPENS
- 7/1 4-H ONLINE DECLARATION PORTAL CLOSES
- 7/1 ENTRY SYSTEM OPENS - FAIRENTRY
- 7/31 ENTRY SYSTEM CLOSES - FAIRENTRY

Registration for the 64th Virginia State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show is open as of July 1, 2025! The FairEntry System will be open for entries from July 1 to July 31, 2025. More detailed information can be found in the Rulebook online by scanning the QR code or visiting the following link: https://ext.vt.edu/content/dam/ext_vt_edu/topics/4h-youth/horse/events/state-horse-show/2025/Rulebook%203.5.pdf. Check your email for more information!



THE READY RING

FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 CARCASS AWARD WINNERS!

2025 HOG CARCASS

CHAMPIONS

CARCASS CONTEST

- 1st - Garrett Norman - H308
- 2nd - Avery Armistead - H300
- 3rd - Lennox Lerch - H317
- 4th - Austin Butler - H328
- 5th - Amelia Strait - H324

PREMIER SWINE EXHIBITOR

- 1st - Micah Gallardy
- 2nd - Weston Propps
- 3rd - Savannah Lerch
- 4th - Ali Yankey
- 5th - Leah Gallardy

Congratulations!

 FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE

2025 BEEF CARCASS

CHAMPIONS

BEST ALL AROUND BEEF

- 1st - Savannah Lerch - C100
- 2nd - Holly Chambers - C107
- 3rd - Leah Gallardy - C120
- 4th - Whitney Norman - C106
- 5th - Austin Butler - C111

CARCASS CONTEST

- 1st - Austin Butler - C111
- 2nd - Savannah Lerch - C100
- 3rd - Whitney Norman - C106
- 4th - Leah Gallardy - C120
- 5th - Maddie Drunagel - C118

RATE OF GAIN

- 1st - Leah Gallardy - C120 - 4.12lbs/day
- 2nd - Bryson Edney - C109 - 3.31lbs/day
- 3rd - Brianna Wall - C105 - 3.21lbs/day
- 4th - Matthew Bass - C110 - 3.1lbs/day
- 5th - Ali Yankey - C121 - 3.02lbs/day

Congratulations!

 FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE

2025 GOAT CARCASS

CHAMPIONS

CARCASS CONTEST

- 1st - Charlotte Grove - G404
- 2nd - Ashley Bass - G407
- 3rd - Evan Saykaly - G403
- 4th - Caitlin Saykaly - G402
- 5th - Logan Saykaly - G402

RATE OF GAIN

- 1st - Caitlin Saykaly - G402 - 0.41lbs/day
- 2nd - Logan Saykaly - G401 - 0.37lbs/day
- 3rd - Matthew Bass - G406 - 0.36lbs/day
- 4th - Charlotte Grove - G404 - 0.34lbs/day
- 5th - Evan Saykaly - G403 - 0.33lbs/day

Congratulations!

 FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE

2025 LAMB CARCASS

CHAMPIONS

CARCASS CONTEST

- 1st - Caitlin Saykaly - L228
- 2nd - Colt Baer - L222
- 3rd - Micah Gallardy - L253
- 4th - Joey Neam - L233
- 5th - Charlotte Grove - L236

RATE OF GAIN

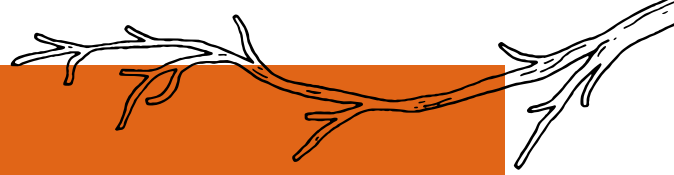
- 1st - Lennox Lerch - L250 - 0.81lbs/day
- 2nd - Willa Price - L254 - 0.73lbs/day
- 3rd - Beth Yankey - L264 - 0.71lbs/day
- tie for 4th - Ali Yankey - L275 - 0.66lbs/day
- tie for 4th - Kalleigh Edney - L248 - 0.66lbs/day

Congratulations!

 FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE

The Fauquier Livestock Show & Sale is a terminal project - meaning these animals are raised specifically for meat. All market animals go through an ultrasound process to get data on their carcass merit, including traits such as Back Fat thickness, Rib Eye Area, Loin Eye Area, and others. Animals are ranked on these traits and their grading score according to the current market.

The Rate of Gain contest is based on the average daily gain of market animals during their growing season (180 days for beef; 90 days for sheep and goats). Check out the gains made by our 2025 Show & Sale animals!

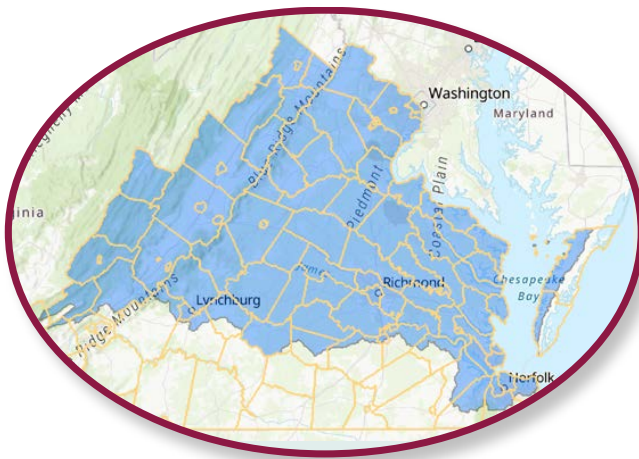


Are you a farmer in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed?



We want to hear from you!

Farmers are vital stewards of our natural resources. Share how you are already taking steps on your farm to protect Virginia's land and waterways by completing the Virginia Farm Agricultural Best Management Practices survey.



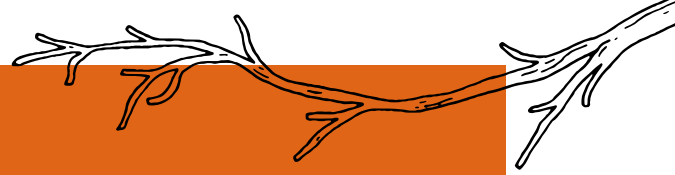
Scan the QR code to complete the survey. Survey ends **June 30, 2026**.

For more information visit:
bit.ly/4jnUuTp or contact your local Virginia Cooperative Extension or participating SWCD office.

Participating Agencies:



UPCOMING EVENTS



PATTERNS IN PLANTS

Thursday, July 10th 6 PM

24 Pelham Street,
Warrenton, VA 20186

Presented by Eleanor Harris, Ph.D,
Co-Director at The Clifton Institute
and Affiliate Professor

DROUGHT & WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Saturday, August 16th 1 PM

Schoolhouse #18
7592 John Marhsall Hwy.,
Marshall, VA
Michael Guditus, Fauquier County
Emergency Manager, and Joseph
McKeown, Fauquier County
Forester

ALL ABOUT THE “SPUDS”

Thursday, August 21st 6PM

Berry Simple Farm
7992 Tackett Lane,
Bealeton, VA 22712

Presented by Rich Crofford, Owner
of Berry Simple Farm

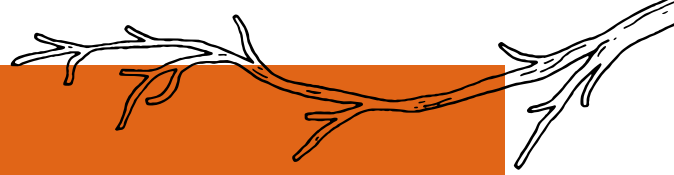
CLOVER CALENDAR

July 15-19 | Fauquier County Fair
August 2 | NGE Market



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