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## LAST FROST DATES!

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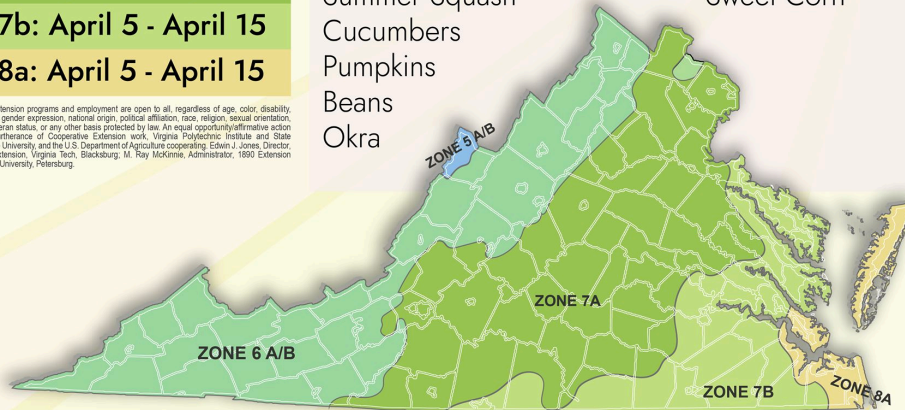


- Zone 6a: May 5 - May 15
- Zone 6b: April 25 - May 5
- Zone 7a: April 15 - April 25
- Zone 7b: April 5 - April 15
- Zone 8a: April 5 - April 15

### What can you plant as your last frost date passes?

- Tomatoes (transplant)
- Eggplant (transplant)
- Summer Squash
- Cucumbers
- Pumpkins
- Beans
- Okra
- Peppers (transplant)
- Watermelon
- Sweet Corn

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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](mailto:meredithday@vt.edu)

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## 2025 LOUDOUN-FAUQUIER 4-H CAMP UPDATE!

**2025 LOUDOUN-FAUQUIER 4-H CAMP**

**CAMP COUNSELORS SELECTED!**

**NEXT UP... TRAINING!**

- TALT (Teen Adult Leadership Training)
  - March 7-8
- Camper Registration Opens
  - March 7th (Early for 4-H members)
  - March 14th (General Public)
- Teen Counselor Trainings
  - April 13
  - May 18
  - June 1st
- LOUDOUN-FAUQUIER JUNIOR 4-H CAMP
  - June 15-19

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Over the next few months, our teen counselors will attend trainings to get ready for their leadership roles at camp. They will learn important concepts such as teamwork, collaboration, leadership skills, conflict resolution, and more! Many of our teen counselors also lead classes at camp including tie-dye, painting party, baking, arts & crafts, and water sports! One of our favorite parts of camp is watching these youth grow into future leaders

**03/07/25** Early Camper Registration for 4-H Members Opens

**03/14/25** Camper Registration opens to the General Public

## UPCOMING PROGRAM: THE ELEANOR HAZEL SPRING BREAK 4-H DAY-CAMP

**Dates:** April 14-17

**Time:** 9am - 1pm

**Where:** Fauquier County VCE Office

**Who:** 1st - 5th graders

If you are interested in volunteering, please click [here](#) or scan the QR code! Volunteer family members get early registration access.

Camper Registration opens March 11th at noon. More info to come soon! Questions?

Email [nhollins@vt.edu](mailto:nhollins@vt.edu)



**The Eleanor Hazel** REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 11 @ NOON

**SPRING BREAK 4-H DAY CAMP**

**\$25 PER CAMPER**

- 9am - 1pm | 04/14 - 04/17
- 1st - 5th Graders
- The Fauquier County VCE Office  
24 Pelham St. Warrenton VA 20186
- \*\*\*On Tuesday April 16th we will meet at the PATH Foundation\*\*\*

**Volunteers Needed**

For more information Please email [nhollins@vt.edu](mailto:nhollins@vt.edu)

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## FAUQUIER COUNTY 4-H OPEN HORSE SHOW ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

### FAUQUIER COUNTY 4-H OPEN HORSE SHOW

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025**  
WARRENTON HORSE SHOW GROUNDS  
60 E. SHIRLEY AVE, WARRENTON, VA 20186

4-H and Open divisions will be offered in  
the Hunter and Western disciplines

Open to all participants ages 9 and up as of 09/30/2025

ASTM certified Helmets must be worn at all times when mounted

This event will follow the Virginia State 4-H Horse and Pony  
Show Rule Book, which can be found on our website

Youth and Adult Participants not enrolled in 4-H via  
4-H Online will have to complete additional  
paperwork upon registration

**REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE  
ON MARCH 4TH**



Registration is open for the 2025 Fauquier County 4-H Open Horse Show! There will be both 4-H and Open divisions in both the Hunter and Western disciplines. Please visit our show website for the prize list and to register!



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## LIVESTOCK TEAMS RECAP!

A couple weeks ago, members of our stockmen's teams competed in the Corey Childs Memorial Stockmen's Contest.

Below are the results!

### JUNIOR DIVISION:

- Sedona Sifford 2nd place overall
- Beth Yankey top 45

### SENIOR DIVISION:

- Ali Yankey top 20
- Leslie Linton top 40

Congratulations to these members!





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## VCE WINTER CONFERENCE

That's a wrap! Fauquier 4-H Team joined the rest of VCE (Virginia Cooperative Extension) in Blacksburg to attend sessions on programming, evaluation, 4-H updates, and more! VCE personnel also had the opportunity to do some off-site tours around Blacksburg, including VT Athletics!

We're excited to bring home what we have learned to our Fauquier 4-H program!

## 2025 NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The 2025 NGE program is now accepting applications!

**WHO:** Enrolled 4-H Youth 9-19

**WHAT:** Next Generation Entrepreneurs youth farmers market vendors

**WHEN:** First Saturdays May-October (select dates in application)

**WHERE:** Warrenton Farmers Market

Program website: <https://sites.google.com/.../4-h-next-generation.../home>

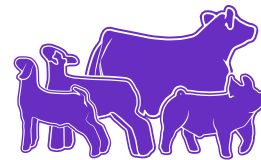
Participants MUST be enrolled in 4-H Online and are expected to complete a project book (linked on website Resource page) Contact [maryvo@vt.edu](mailto:maryvo@vt.edu) with any program questions!



2025 Fauquier 4-H  
Next Generation  
Entrepreneurs

## REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration deadline: Monday March 10th  
Contact Mary Ott Prados [maryvo@vt.edu](mailto:maryvo@vt.edu)  
for more information



### FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE CATTLE CLINIC RECAP

We were glad to host over 30 youth for our cattle clinic! Despite the rescheduling due to snow and then still not having great weather, we had a great day of learning! Show & Sale exhibitors were able to bring their project animals to practice showmanship and fitting skills. We also had several heifers to practice with for beginners.



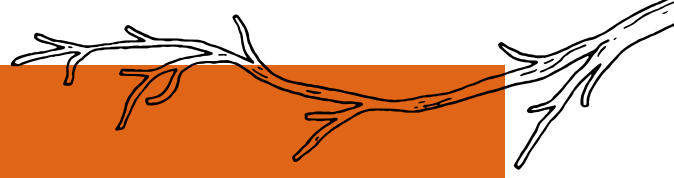
Huge shoutout to Ali Yankey and Whitney Norman the Show & Sale Committee members who put this clinic together! Thank you to our clinic coach Sarah Russell for joining us for the day!

### LAMB & GOAT WEIGH-IN RECAP

On the chilly morning of February 2nd, Fauquier Livestock Show & Sale weighed in 41 market lamb and 7 market goat projects for 32 lamb/goat exhibitors! The youth committee worked together to line up trucks and trailers, collect entries, man scale gates, tag animals, record weights, and more! Market lambs and goats are weighed-in the first weekend in February, then again in May the weekend of Show & Sale. Exhibitors grow their animals for 90 project days to compete for Rate of Gain - a contest to see whose animal gains the most pounds each day!



Huge thanks to all the parents and volunteers who support these great kiddos and their projects. We're looking forward to a great project season. Be on the lookout for opportunities to support these members!



## TREE HIGHLIGHTS

For February I am highlighting a sycamore tree at Warrenton Cemetery. Cemeteries are often a great place to find old community trees. Take a look around and let me know if you find a noteworthy community tree in your neighborhood at [tohlwile@vt.edu](mailto:tohlwile@vt.edu)

**Tree:** American Sycamore - *Platanus occidentalis*

**Location:** Warrenton Cemetery, enter the cemetery on Chestnut Street, the sycamore is the second large tree on your left.

**Age:** This is a native tree that is difficult to tell the age. It may have sprouted up, or it may have been planted. Graves in the area date to the early 1900s.

**Size:** The canopy spreads over 100 ft. wide and is estimated to be over 100 ft. tall. The diameter of the trunk is over 4 ft.

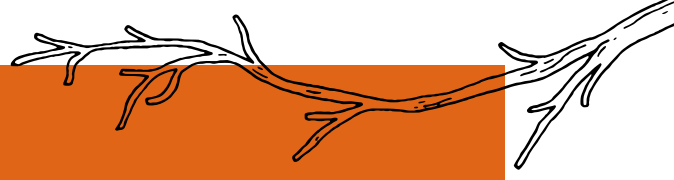
I love the bright, almost white, bark on the branches of sycamore. The light-colored bark is revealed when the older bark flakes off. These native trees often grow in bottomland next to streams and rivers.

This is nowhere near the largest sycamore in the state. This Virginia Big Trees website has several larger sycamore trees. Visit

<https://bigtree.cnre.vt.edu/index.html> or scan the QR code below!

Can you find any trees from Fauquier County on this website?





# UPCOMING EVENTS

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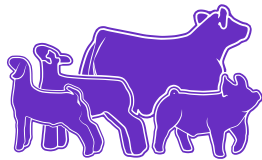
- March 7-8** | Talt @ NOVA 4-H Center
- March 15-16** | Spring Air Competition
- March 22** | MC Stockman Challenge
- March 26** | State Livestock Skillathon
- April 5** | County Horse Show



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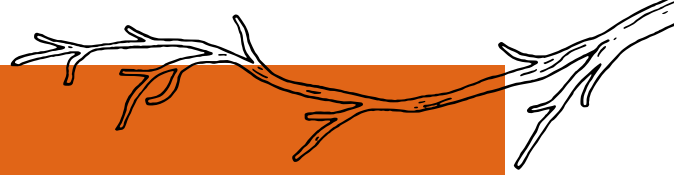
## SHOW & SALE CALENDAR

- March 19** | Mid-Point Weights Due
- March 19** | Buyer Letters Due
- April 9** | Final Mandatory Meeting
- May 2** | Show & Sale Set-Up





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