



# Bertie County Ag News

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Completing harvest has been a challenge this year. Repeated rains have hampered every operation at some point this fall. Hopefully we will get enough drying weather to finish the soybean crop before 2019 arrives.

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## Market Facilitation Program

Hopefully by now you have visited the FSA office to sign up for this program. Originating from the tariffs placed on certain ag products this program pays growers based on their production. Rates vary by crop and proof of production is required before payment is made. The most attractive payment is on soybeans which pays an additional \$1.65 per bushel. Funding has been approved for the first half of the payment and some checks have already been cut. The sign up period runs through January 15, 2019.

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## Woodland Management Meeting

Plan now to attend our 2<sup>nd</sup> Woodland Management meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 15, 2019 at the Cashie Convention Center. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a sponsored meal. Registration is requested by January 8<sup>th</sup>, to assist with meal preparation. Chris Turner, NC Wildlife Commission Biologist will discuss **Enhancing Wildlife While Managing Your Woodland**. He will focus on whitetail deer and turkey populations for our area. In addition, Dr. Mike Megalos NCSU Forestry Extension Specialist will speak on **Reducing Real Estate and Capital Gain Taxes**. Forest industry representatives will be on hand to discuss various products and services.

# Peanut Yield Contest and 5000 lb Club

2018 was a challenge in many ways but despite all that we had some really good peanut yields. Take a few minutes and enter our yield contest. Each year the NC Peanut Growers and The Bertie Cooperative Extension Service recognize growers with top yields in our county. This is based on the criteria below. Please stop by or give us a call at 794-5317 to enter. Entry deadline is January 18.

- \*Growers must have a minimum of 25 acres of peanut production.
- \*Any variety can be grown.
- \*Yield is based on an individual's total production on all farms.
- \*Growers farming in multiple counties submit entries in the county of their residence.
- \*Yield documentation is required.
- \*The winner is determined based on a point system, considering yield and acreage.
- \*Growers must complete a production survey to be eligible.

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## Planning for 2019

Winter months are typically good times to reflect on what worked and what didn't, costs vs returns and market opportunities. With commodity prices low and expenses stable to rising, budgeting is critical. We have budgets for commodities in our office. These serve as guides to plan for next year. The costs are averages so you need to adjust to fit your operation. Call our office at **794-5317** to request copies.

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## Youth and Livestock

What better way to learn about responsibility and build life skills than raising livestock. Does your child or grandchild enjoy animals? If so then you may consider talking with them about participating in the Hertford-Northampton 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. Interested participants must enroll by January 31st. Participants raise and show the animal, (their choice of lamb, goat, pig or calf), complete a record book and earn money all in the same program. If you have someone interested call our office and talk with Guy Holley, 4-H Youth Agent, to learn more.



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# Happy Holidays!