

JANUARY 2025

PATRICK COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES CORNER

The CDC estimates that over 48 million Americans become sick from food-borne illnesses each year, at an annual cost to the US of more than \$15.6 billion. The food handler is the key link in the prevention of these foodborne-illness outbreaks. Patrick County Extension offers the ServSafe Food Protection Manager class and exam every other month each calendar year. Over the past 10 years, more than 250 food industry personnel from Patrick and its surrounding counties successfully became certified food protection managers, through 4000 hours of instruction. The next scheduled class and exam is January 27th and 31st, 2025.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Servsafe Food Protection
Manager Certification & Exam**

JANUARY 27 & 31, 2025

**Patrick County 4- H Share the Fun
County Contest**

MARCH 7, 2025

**Servsafe Food Protection
Manager Certification and Exam**

MARCH 17 & 21, 2025

**Servsafe Food Protection
Manager Certification & Exam**

MAY 5 & 9, 2025

**Patrick County 4- H District Area
Contest - Riverlawn, VA**

MAY 6, 2025

County Well Water Testing Clinic
JUNE 2025

Patrick County Junior 4-H Camp
JUNE 9 - 13, 2025

Rise and Shine Youth Market
JUNE 20, 2025

Rise and Shine Youth Market
JULY 11, 2025

**Servsafe Food Protection
Manager Certification & Exam**

JULY 21 & 25, 2025



SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE RELIEF PROGRAM

INTERESTED IN DONATING TO HELP FARMERS?

LOOKING TO DONATE ITEMS (HAY, FENCING MATERIALS, FEED, ETC.)?

Please complete the following form to help us coordinate donation drop-offs and logistics: <https://tinyurl.com/HELPSWVAFARMERS> or contact your local County Extension Office.



Farm Credit of the Virginia's offices are also collecting supplies. Visit <https://www.farmcreditofvirginias.com/about/news/farm-credit-branches-collect-supplies-hurricane-relief> for more information.



WILLING TO MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION?

There are currently two organizations that we are working with:

Virginia Cattlemen's Association

Virginia Cattlemen's Foundation is raising funds to support disaster relief efforts. Donations can be made online through Venmo at <https://www.venmo.com/u/vacattlemenfoundation> Or mailed to:
Virginia Cattlemen's Foundation
Memo: Disaster Relief Fund
PO Box 9
Daleville, VA 24083



Virginia Farm Bureau

Virginia Farm Bureau is raising funds through the VA FAIRS Foundation. Donations can be made online at: <https://vafairs.com/virginia-farm-relief-fund/> Or mailed to:
VAFAIRS
Memo: Disaster Relief Fund
P.O. Box 27552
Richmond, VA 23261



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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CORNER



Every school year Patrick County 4-H offers programming in 5 local elementary schools. The In School Enrichment programming offers youth a chance to elect officers, hold club meetings, and learn by doing.

Fourth & Fifth grade groups learn STEM concepts through hands on activities, lessons include: Volcanos, Rocks, Circuits, Solar System, Earthquake, and Magnetism.

Sixth & seventh grade groups learn Life Skill concepts through hands on activities, lessons include: Sewing, Table Setting, Thank You Notes, Addressing Envelopes, Social Etiquette, Completing Forms, Resumes, and Job Applications.



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