

Ag Update (Tucker Price).
UGA Extension Cook County
Activities April – May, 2020.

Phone Contacts, 1,247

Field/Home Visits, 172

Installed Watermelon Fusarium Wilt Trial – Bareground. (Planted April 3, 2020.)

Investigating 1) Proline at plant drench @ 5.7 oz/A; Miravus Prime @ 11.4 oz/A over top 10 and 20 days after plant with 40 gal water; 2) Miravus pre plant over bed 8" ban @ 13.7 oz/A; Proline at plant drench @ 5.7 oz/A; 3) Proline at plant drench @ 5.7 oz/A to control fusarium wilt.

Cooperating Farmer: Terrell Rutland

Cooperating Specialist: UGA Extension Vegetable Specialist, Dr. Bhabesh Dutta



Installed Watermelon Fusarium Wilt Trial – Plastic. (Planted March 21, 2020)

Investigating 1) Proline at plant drench @ 5.7 oz/A; Miravus Prime @ 11.4 oz/A over top 10 and 20 days after plant with 40 gal water. 2) Miravus under plastic 8" ban @ 13.7 oz/A; Proline at plant drench @ 5.7 oz/A; 3) Proline at plant drench @ 5.7 oz/A to control fusarium wilt.

Cooperating Farmer: Tommy Daughtry.

Cooperating Specialist: UGA Extension Vegetable Specialist, Dr. Bhabesh Dutta.



Installed Cotton Variety Trial – Irrigated. (Planted April 29, 2020.)

Evaluating/Comparing Stoneville 5471, 4990; DeltaPine 2038, 1646, 2055, NexGen 4936, 5711, PhytoGen 400, Px 5C45; Croplan 9608; Dyne-Gro 3615, 3799.

Cooperating Farmer: Everett Franks

Cooperating Specialist: UGA Cotton Specialist Dr. Phillip Roberts.



Installed Cotton Variety Trial – Non-Irrigated (Planted May 12, 13, 2020)

Evaluating/Comparing Stoneville 5471, 4990; DeltaPine 2038, 1646, 2055, NexGen 4936, 5711, PhytoGen 400, Px 5C45; Croplan 9608; Dyne-Gro 3615, 3799.

Cooperating Farmer: Dennis Griffin

Cooperating Specialist: UGA Cotton Specialist Dr. Phillip Roberts.

Cook Extension Blog Posts:

Information posted to blog, then link to blog (<https://site.extension.uga.edu/cook>) texted to farming community.

- *Southern Corn Rust; Peanut, Cotton, and Soybean Scout School.* **June 4, 2020.**
- *Peanut Disease Risk and Fungicide Information. 2019 Cook County Peanut Fungicide Trial Data.* **June 2, 2020.**
- *Used Tire Disposal Event.* **May 28, 2020.**
- *Cracking Time Reminders for Peanuts; Watermelon Fungicide Spray Guide.* **May 18, 2020.**
- *Soil Temperatures and Planting.* **April 28, 2020.**
- *UPW Trainings; Covid-19 Relief Resources for Farmers; 2020 UGA Herbicide Programs.* **April 16, 2020.**
- *Covid-19 Resources for use with farm Workers; Farm Recovery Block Grants; Cook Co. 4-H Club.* **April 2, 2020.**

Stay healthy! Wash your
hands and avoid
touching your face.



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Inside the Issue

VIRTUAL PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

Cook County 4-Her Julia Joiner
competed in the first ever Virtual
Project Achievement.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Meet our 4-H adult volunteers
who help us in positive youth
development.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Let's continue to meet our
amazing 4-H volunteers!

COOK 4-HER JULIA JOINER WINS VIRTUAL PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

by Katrina Laurel-Searcy, 4-H Agent

Julia Joiner, Cook County 4-H'er and 5th grader at Cook Elementary School, placed 1st in her Dog Care and Training Project. She is among the 84 young people who competed in the first-ever Georgia 4-H Virtual Project Achievement. Congratulations Julia!

Through project achievement, youth are able to develop leadership, creativity and public speaking skills. They are also able to develop a deep understanding of their desired project area. Youth are able to select from 62 areas to focus on during their projects. Participants prepare a four- to five-minute presentation about their selected subject and are judged by a panel of experts in the field.





From left to right: Jeff McLean and Ed Revels, Shotgun Team Coaches

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

by Katrina Laurel Searcy, 4-H Agent

April 19 - 25 – As part of a nationwide effort to celebrate the valuable contributions of 4-H volunteers across the nation, Cook County 4-H honored our dedicated volunteers with a full week of online recognition in various Cook County 4-H social media platforms.

From serving as a chaperone at 4-H Summer camp to leading a special interest team, 4-H offers a variety of opportunities for volunteer service in youth development programming. Volunteering with Georgia 4-H is a great way to enhance your leadership skills, give back to your community, meet new people, and inspire the next generation of youth to be successful, contributing members of society!

Meet the Georgia 4-H volunteers in our community!

LEAH COSTAS



Leah Costas

Leah is no stranger to Cook County 4-H as her kids are very involved in it. Parents are great volunteers and mentors. Mentors are the foundation of our youth's success. Becoming a mentor for a 4-H'er gives parents like Leah an opportunity to watch the confidence of her children or of any young person bloom as she helps them achieve their 4-H dreams and develop skills for a lifetime. She was actively involved with Project Achievement preparations and community service projects like Sharing Appetite (Cook County 4-H cooking to share program), Sweets for Sheriff's and MLK Day of Service. Leah is currently employed with the Cook County Board of Education.

JEFF MCLEAN AND ED REVELS

Georgia 4-H Project SAFE (Shooting Awareness, Fun and Education) uses the shooting sports to teach many valuable life skills. Jeff McLean and Ed Revels are trained volunteers who coach and lead our Cook County 4-H Shotgun Team.

Certified Coaches are essential for the development of our youth in a range of specified skills.

Coaches actively engage with young people as they sharpen their team's skills, interests, and

knowledge about a certain judging topic.

Volunteers who go through 4-H training and certification have the opportunity to coach a number of judging teams. In our first Cook County 4-H Awards Banquet held August 2019, both coaches were presented with

S.A.F.E. 4-H Coaches plaques. Jeff is a Cook County Young Farmer Advisor and is heavily involved with Cook County, FFA and 4-H Livestock Programs.

Ed is one of our frontliners working with UPS during this COVID-19 pandemic.



From left to right: Justin Beach and Jonathon Searcy

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

by Katrina Laurel-Searcy, 4-H Agent

JUSTIN BEACH

Justin comes to us with an extensive 4-H background. He served as the Lowndes County 4-H Program Assistant in August of 2015 until August of the following year. Since then, he remains a very active 4-H volunteer not only for Cook County but also for Georgia 4-H. He has been a part of 4-H's unique camp and conference opportunities and experienced seasons of fun, friends, and the great outdoors. Justin has helped us plant the seeds for greatness in our youth as he embarked on a journey into 4-H's extraordinary camping centers across Georgia. Last February, he received 3rd Place Most Outstanding Southwest District 4-H Adult Volunteer Award at Rock Eagle 4-H Center for all of his hard work and service. He was also named Most Outstanding Male 4-H Volunteer for Cook County in 2019. He is currently pursuing his Agriculture Education Degree in ABAC.

JONATHON SEARCY

Jonathon is in full support of our 4-H program and it does not come as a surprise as he is the husband of Cook County 4-H Agent Katrina Laurel-Searcy. He especially enjoys driving our youth to fun 4-H activities like 4-H Day at UGA Football Game, 4-H Day at the Braves' Game and other fun incentive trips. He is a positive role model for our young people and inspire our youth as 4-H'ers build friendships, memories, skills, and experiences. He is always determined to excite and inspire the successes of our nation's next generation of leaders. Jonathon is a realtor with Century 21 and has served Cook County even in his real estate endeavors.



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COMING UP...

a look into our 4-H calendar

COOK Books (Cook County 4-H Offers Offline Knowledge)

Not all parents are equipped with the resources or skills to home school their children during this lock-down. In an effort to help quell those anxieties and frustrations parents and students may be facing, especially those who do not have access to internet nor technological devices, Cook County 4-H will once again share bags filled with educational resources as a community service project called COOK Books (Cook 4-H Offers Offline Knowledge). The theme of next month's educational packets will be "healthy living", composed of activity sheets and healthy recipes from UGA SNAP-Ed.

Date:: May 20, 2020

Time: 9 AM until supplies last

Place: Cook County
Extension Office

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TO THE 2020 GRADUATING SENIOR 4-H'ERS

Inside the Issue

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

we are still getting ready for summer camp! If you are interested to join, we have scholarships available!

VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS

We have enjoyed offering FREE online classes to the youth in our community!

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

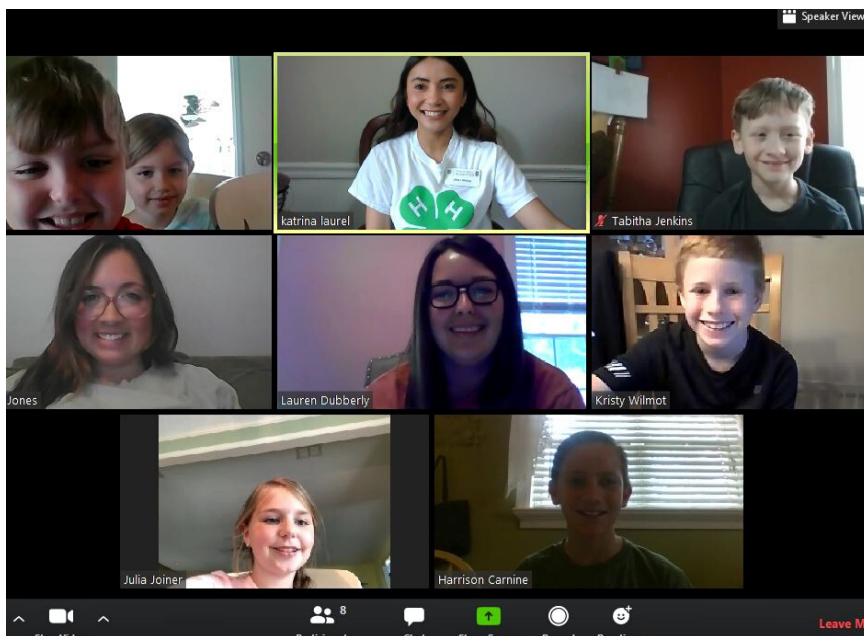
Let's take a look at our plans for virtual and face to face club meetings this summer!

COOK COUNTY 4-H OFFERS SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

by Katrina Laurel-Searcy, 4-H Agent

Scholarships are based on need and activity level in the Cook County 4-H Club. Scholarships are for half of camp tuition for a returning camper and full camp fee for first time campers. We will give away a total of 3 camp scholarships - 1 Cloverleaf (grades 4-6), 1 Junior (grades 7-8) and 1 Senior (grades 9-12). Applications are due May 22. A link to the scholarship form will be posted on our Facebook page, Cook County 4-H.





COOK COUNTY 4-H VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS

by Katrina Laurel Searcy, 4-H Agent

The University of Georgia and local county UGA Cooperative Extension offices are generating a variety of resources to support families, farmers and business owners during this challenging time.

As messages about COVID-19 come in from all angles, consumers need clear, direct information on how to keep themselves and their families safe. UGA Extension's Emergency Resources page, extension.uga.edu/topic-areas/timely-topics/emergencies.html, includes a collection of news, fact sheets, expert advice and frequently asked questions.

The Georgia 4-H faculty and staff have also gathered many resources for youth covering topics in science, animals, health, civic engagement and local resources at <https://georgia4h.org/about-us/resources/activity-resources/>. This collection of resources includes entertaining and educational activities to keep youth involved with at-home engagement.

Cook County 4-H is sharing news, resources and activities for youth on <https://www.facebook.com/CookCounty4H/>. To date, we have provided eleven live virtual classrooms via a free teleconference app called Zoom. Additional resources for adults and youth can also be accessed through our Cook County Extension/4-H website, <https://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/cook.html>.

In addition, the UGA Small Business Development Center is hosting a series of webinars to help business owners understand how to access emergency loans. The center is also offering live meetings for owners to ask questions and guide owners through all the resources available through the CARES Act. More on this program can be found at <https://www.georgiasbdc.org/georgia-small-business-recovery/>.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. KATRINA

I cannot stress enough how much I miss having our 4-H members with us. Parents, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to be a part of your children's lives. As a 4-H agent, a big portion of my responsibilities includes positive youth development. My heart longs to nurture and teach our students and having these online classes allows me to keep educating the youth of Cook County. Thank you for taking advantage of these free resources.





SUMMER PROGRAMMING

by Katrina Laurel-Searcy, 4-H Agent

YOGA FOR YOUTH

4-H seeks to #InspireKidstoDo by teaching them about the importance of Healthy Living through programs in nutrition, & fitness and social & emotional well being. Programs help youth lead lives that balance physical, mental, and emotional health. With more than 2.5M projects on nutrition, fitness and wellness, 4-H'ers are provided with a strong foundation and knowledge needed to make healthy choices as adults. These programs help youth understand the importance of eating right, physical fitness, and good hygiene. Managing these basic health principles places young people on the right track to managing their long-term health. Mrs. Katrina is certified to teach yoga for youth and these classes are FREE!

To learn more, visit: <http://bit.ly/2oSQqEI>

ARTS AND CRAFTS

A healthy lifestyle not only changes your body. It changes your mind, your attitude, and your mood. Through arts and crafts, youth can help focus the mind, relieve stress, anxiety and even depression. Creative activities has even been compared to meditation due to its calming effects on the brain and body.

SUMMER BAKE DAY

Last year, we had an awesome time baking brownies, muffins and macarons. We will once again have our summer bake camp and utilize healthy recipes for some yummy and nutritious desserts!

MANY MORE!!!

Fun and learning never ends at the Cook County 4-H Office. We will offer a variety of exciting activities that also foster creativity and learning. From movie days, team building activities, cooking, and community service projects, we offer positive youth development programming and a club that advocates for diversity and inclusion.



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COMING UP...

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Summer Camp

Cloverleaf Camp at Camp Burton (Tybee Island)
July 27-31
Grades 4-6
\$375.00 registration fee

Junior Camp at Camp Fortson
July 6-10
Grades 7-8
\$375.00 registration fee

Senior Camp at Rock Eagle 4-H Center
July 27-31
Grades 9-12
\$375.00 registration fee



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VIRTUAL YOGA

See information about Virtual Yoga with Mrs. Katrina, 4-H Youth Agent, and Olivia Walker, Healthy Living Ambassador.

COOK BOOKS GIVEAWAY

Check out our collaboration for our last giveaway of supplies and offline knowledge for students and families in Cook County we had in May!

THE VOICES WE NEED TO HEAR RIGHT NOW

Please see a statement about Equity in 4-H from Jennifer Sirangelo, National 4-H Council President & CEO.

VIRTUAL YOGA

by Katrina Searcy, 4-H Youth Agent

Georgia 4-H Healthy Living programs help youth learn about nutrition, health and fitness, bullying prevention, safety, and stress management to promote overall balanced, healthy lifestyles. Today, Georgia 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador Olivia Walker and Cook County 4-H Agent Katrina Laurel-Searcy will share a video showing various yoga poses that our youth can safely practice at home. The video will be available to view when you visit the Cook County 4-H Facebook page, facebook.com/CookCounty4H. Each summer, youth ambassadors are trained to teach classes and lead activities related to the Healthy Living goals within their own communities.

It is Olivia's goal to inspire the citizens of Cook County to maintain a healthy lifestyle especially during this COVID-19 pandemic. If you have an interest in science, nutritious cuisine, healthy lifestyles, weather, the environment, professionalism, and more, you should consider the Georgia 4-H Ambassador Program. 4-H Ambassadors are selected for a specific Ambassador Track through an application process and participate in a dynamic and intensive training weekend, plan individual activities to increase and share their knowledge, and represent Georgia 4-H as ambassadors in the field. Ambassador tracks offered in 2020 are: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics), Healthy Living, Pollinators, and Ready 4 Life. 4-H'ers may be selected to serve as ambassadors in one area per year and may be eligible to apply to return as an ambassador in the same issue or in a different issue in following years.





COOK BOOKS & COLLABORATION WITH COOK FAMILY CONNECTION

by Lauren Dubberly, AmeriCorps member

Cook County 4-H has started a new program called COOK BOOKS which stands for Cook 4-H Offers Offline Knowledge. On May 20, 2020 Cook County Family Connections collaborated with Cook County 4-H to provide bags of fruit and boxes of non-perishable foods to the Cook County Community. This event was a drive thru where community members were able to pick up some food with their healthy living grab bags! The healthy living grab bags included Georgia 4-H healthy living materials and healthy snacks. A total of 200 healthy living bags and 100 fruit/non-perishable foods were provided. All items were handed out that day!

Be on the lookout for the next COOK BOOKS!



Georgia Family Connection is a statewide initiative that cultivates public and private collaboration at the local level. Located in all 159 counties, Georgia Family Connection is the largest statewide network of its kind in the nation. Collaborative organizations are committed to our mission of improving conditions for at-risk children, families, and communities. They work closely with communities to: foster relationships with local partners, increase policymakers' awareness of local issues, implement proven programs and practices, and leverage additional funding to support community plans. For more information about Cook County Family Connections, please visit <http://cook.gafcp.org/about-us/>



"THE VOICES WE NEED TO HEAR RIGHT NOW"

by Jordan Jones, 4-H Program Assistant

Here is parts of an article written by Jennifer Sirangelo, National 4-H Council President and CEO, about the current injustices our world is facing and has faced for many years. You can find the full article at <https://4-h.org/about/blog/the-voices-we-need-to-hear-right-now/>.

"My thoughts and prayers immediately went out to the African American community, especially young people of color, who endure the pain and injustice of racism again and again with each senseless death. Each of these tragedies is a stinging reminder of the systemic racism all people of color endure today in countless small and large doses that are so common that now – it is simply expected.

In 4-H, we believe that all young people, no matter their beliefs, backgrounds, or color of their skin, can create positive change in their communities today and deserve the opportunity to prepare for life and work with meaning, purpose and positive impact.

As protests sweep across our country, it is time for all of us to step up and use our voices to create an America that finally fulfills our mission to stand as "one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all." Most importantly, we do this for young people. The wisdom, clarity and humanity of our young people is THE hope for a brighter future for our country. It is our responsibility as adults and mentors to show up as allies and mentors who can lift their voices and empower them to address the challenges they face head-on. At National 4-H Council, we will always believe in them, we will always tell their stories, and we will always work to create opportunities for those hardest to reach and who need us the most.

In this brief video, you can hear from diverse voices of 4-H youth and Cooperative Extension 4-H leaders about what equity means to them. I look forward to following their lead as they work hand-in-hand with communities to prepare young people to take on the future ahead."Here is the link to the video, "What Does Equity Mean to You?" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZNpdgv0Fls>

UPCOMING 4-H EVENTS

by Jordan Jones

The Cook County Extension Office is currently closed to the public, and all activities are postponed/cancelled until further notice!

However, that doesn't mean there won't be 4-H! Cook County, along with all other counties, have some amazing virtual activities and Zoom lessons planned!

If you are interested in being a part of these virtual activities, email:

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OR, keep up with our Facebook page "Cook County 4-H" and Facebook profile, "Cook Clover."

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Office Hours:

8:00am-5:00pm


Closed for Lunch:

12:00pm-1:00pm

COOK COUNTY 4-H

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ENROLLED MEMBERS



2019-2020 PROGRAM YEAR

COOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4-H ENROLLMENT: **271**
COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL 4-H ENROLLMENT: **379**
COOK HIGH SCHOOL 4-H ENROLLMENT: **40**
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 4-H ENROLLMENT: **14**
HOME SCHOOL 4-H ENROLLMENT: **14**

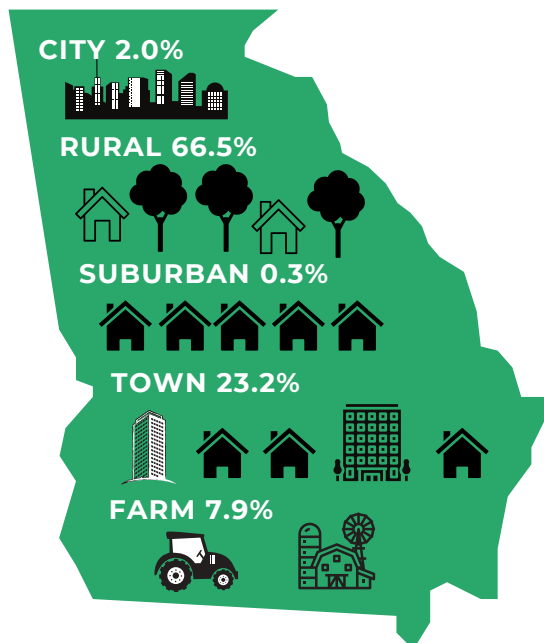


 **57%** FEMALE
 **43%** MALE

ETHNICITY

8% LATINO 92% NON-LATINO

RESIDENCE



DIVERSITY

WHITE 62.6%
AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK 36.3%
ASIAN 0.6%
AMERICAN INDIAN 1.3%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER 0.3%
MORE THAN ONE RACE 4.7%
UNDETERMINED 3.8%



VOLUNTEERS

9 ADULTS
CONTRIBUTED



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HOW WE ARE HELPING DURING COVID-19

While it is not at all "business as usual," we want to assure you Cook County Extension and Cook County 4-H is committed to doing all we can to be a part of the solution in this unique situation. UGA Extension offers resources on sanitizing your home, hand washing, emergency food supplies, and keeping farm operations running. For more information, visit

<https://extension.uga.edu/> and georgia4h.org.

We have added many timely resources and factsheets on staying safe and healthy during the COVID-19 outbreak as well as related topics.

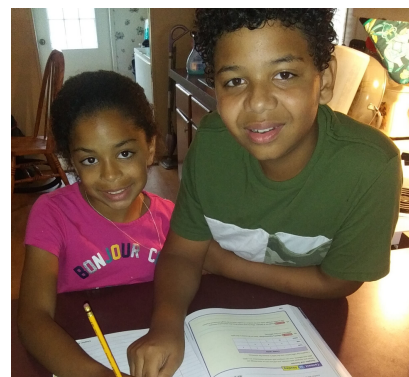
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



HEALTHY LIVING



AGRICULTURE/STEM



C.O.O.K. BOOKS

Cook 4-H Offers Offline Knowledge

Gave out a total of **300** educational packets on 2 separate drive by community service projects. During our second give-away, we partnered with Cook Family Connection and they gave out 100 boxes of food and 100 bags of fruits to the 4-H families that picked up educational material.

4-H GIFT BAGS

Cook 4-H gave out 4 gift bags to 4 essential workers to show them our support and appreciation.

VIRTUAL HEALTH CLASSES

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