

# NELSON COUNTY NEW DAY NEWS

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This month we have experienced significant temperature changes. In Nelson County in April, we have seen temperatures between 27.7 degrees and 88.3 degrees. The result has been early flowering of tree fruit and vineyards, and some damage caused by frost events. Here are links to articles provided by VCE Specialists on managing crops with frost damage:

- [Tree Fruit Horticulture Updates](#)
- [Virginia Grape Disease Updates](#)



## Calling All Cattlemen!

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the cattle you are raising or would like to begin raising cattle? The NABPA or Nelson Amherst Beef Producers Association is a great place to begin. They are hosting a field day on August 9 at Seamans Orchard. Please email us if you would like to be added to our mailing list for that event. Are you interested in joining NABPA? Following is a link to the registration form. [Nelson Amherst Beef Producers](#)



Virginia Beef Cattle University is scheduled for July 21-23, 2025 at Virginia Tech. This opportunity is a great way to meet with other producers and to hear directly from industry experts about the current practices of Herd Health, Nutrition & Forages, Reproduction. Visit [Virginia Beef Cattle University](#) to sign up today.



Our desire at VCE Nelson Office is to grow our cattlemen community in Nelson County so that we can learn from each other. Please contact us with any questions or let us know if we can visit your cattle operation. I look forward to meeting each of you. Kim Bryant - Kimeb5990@vt.edu

**Did you know?**

## Free Shipping for Soil Samples

We offer free shipping of farm soil samples to the Virginia Tech Soil Testing Lab. Soil samples will be due in our office on the 15th of each month. If the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, they will be due on the first business day after the weekend or holiday.



## Master Gardener Field Trips

This month we enjoyed learning about new plants at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden with the Extension Master Gardener Group. We also had a wonderful tour of the Quarry Gardens in Schuyler. The Quarry Gardens - A landscape carved by industry and renewed by the power of nature to regenerate. Their commitment to showcasing native plants grown within a 15 mile radius of the garden is evident. This is a great opportunity for everyone to learn more about nature in Virginia.



## All 4-H Programs Rely on Volunteers!

4-H programs look to volunteers to help our young people learn the skills they need to prepare for their futures while also having fun! Contact Erin Harris for an application and interview today!

We are in search of volunteers for:

**4-H Camp - Livestock Club - Horse Club  
Cloverbud Club**  
EEM2790@vt.edu

8445 Thomas Nelson Highway  
Lovingson, Va

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## Nelson Program Schedule

### **May 3 Plant Sales**

Master Gardeners @ RVCC under Pavillion  
Hopeful Hounds @ Lovington Veterinary Hospital

### **May 10**

FFA Car Show @ Nelson High School

### **May 13**

Nelson Beekeepers Meeting @ Tuckahoe Clubhouse

### **May 15 - Registration Required**

Orchard Meeting @ Drumheller's Orchard

### **May 21**

Rainbarrel Workshop

### **June 21 - FREE**

Food Preservation Class- Nelson Memorial Library

### **June 28 - FREE**

Pressure Gauge Testing Clinic @ Lovington Farm Supply

### **August 9**

Cattleman Field Day @ Seaman's Orchard



## Clover and Corduroy



### **4-H Inbound Exchange**

Can you host a young person or adult chaperone from Japan this summer? It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about another culture first hand! More info [here](#).

[Show your support for FFA by attending these events!](#)

### **May 2 & 3**

Central Virginia Livestock Show

### **May 10**

Nelson County FFA Car Show

### **May 10**

FFA Rockfish Valley Truck and Tractor Pull

## **Nelson Master Gardeners**

### Monthly Tips & Tasks

May Tips and tricks found [here](#).

Do you have questions about Insect identification, Plant Pathology or Plant Identification? The Master Gardeners Help Desk is a great resource. Visit <https://www.mastergardenersofnelsoncounty.org/help-desk> and complete the form. They'll be back in touch with you soon.

## **The Pub Hub**

- [Spray Water Quality and Pesticide Characteristics](#)
- [Solving Spray Water Problems](#)
- [Soil Sampling for the Home Gardener](#)
- [Soil Sampling Instructions for the Farm](#)
- [AREC Field Day Schedule 2025](#)
- [Buzz, Body, and Bites for Teens 2025](#)
- [Farm to School Event - learn how to get your products into the local schools. May 8 at 10:30am.](#)



## **Coming soon...**



The Virginia Household Water Quality Program will be scheduled later this summer. If you would like to be notified about the water testing schedule, please email us at [Imacrae@vt.edu](mailto:Imacrae@vt.edu). If you have had your water tested in the past, you are already on the list and we will notify you too.

## **2025 Camping Schedule**

Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center serves Nelson County and surrounding counties for youth to attend 4-H Camp. But did you know they also have many other camps offered throughout the year? Visit their site [HERE](#) for more information on how to sign up.

### Homeschooler's Overnight Adventure

April 28-30

### Hunter Education Challenge

May 2-4

### Women's Outdoor Weekend

May 23-25

### Cloverbud Camp ages 5-8\*

June 13-15

### Military Teen Adventure Camp

June 16-20

### Camp Woods and Wildlife

June 16-20

### Camp Loud and Clear\*\*

July 18-20

### Junior 4-H Camp ages 9-13\*

July 21-25

\*Please note that all ages are as of September 30 of 2025

\*\*This camp will offer Deaf/HH children the environment with staff and programming to augment healthy, satisfying socialization experiences. Audio equipment provided by VA Dept of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

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