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The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension continues to do what we have been doing for over 100 years – helping farmers, families and communities find research-based solutions to their most pressing problems.

Our purpose is to translate the science of everyday living for farmers, families and communities to foster a healthy and prosperous Georgia and we are committed to carrying out that purpose.

With the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, we are having to be very creative and innovative with our programming, while continuing to serve the public. Our primary concern is for the health and well-being of our employees, our partners and our clients. Therefore, all face-to-face programming and events, including 4-H activities, have been canceled or postponed through April 24. For now, the majority of our local County Extension Offices are closed to the public or limiting access. You can check your local county Extension web site for specific details. <https://extension.uga.edu/county-offices.html>

Here you can find information on how to contact your local agents, get updates on local events, detail on how to contact them and much more.

Our Extension web site <https://extension.uga.edu/> has information about hundreds of topics. If you do not find what you need, you can contact us and we will follow up with you. We also have a toll free line 1-800-ASK-UGA1 (1-800-275-8421). We have added many timely resources and fact sheets on staying safe and healthy during the COVID-19 outbreak as well as related topics. <https://extension.uga.edu/topic-areas/timely-topics/emergencies.html>

All of our 4-H and Family & Consumer Science programming has already transitioned to on-line and virtual and much of our Agricultural & Natural Resources (ANR) has as well. However; rest assured if you have an urgent need for an on-site visit to diagnose a disease or pest or troubleshoot a problem, we are here to help. Our ANR Agents and Extension Specialists will work out a safe way to look at the issue and get an answer for you. Many of our clients are already very accustomed to contacting your agents directly, and we encourage you to continue doing this.

While it is not at all “business as usual,” we want to assure you UGA Extension is committed to doing all we can to be a part of the solution in this unique situation.

Sincerely,

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