

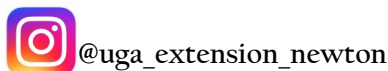
Newton Extension News

Monthly Updates from Newton County Extension



Looking Ahead—April

- Newton 4-H Film Festival
- Poultry Judging Practices Online
- Project S.A.F.E. BB Team practices
- 4-H S.T.E.A.M. Club Weekly Activities on Facebook
- April ANR Blog Posts
- Keep up with all event updates on our website



One Newton

The Newton Extension office welcomed the new Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Agent/ County Extension Coordinator, Ashley Best. There was a Meet and Greet hosted at Turner Lake on March 4th. Ashley has a background teaching Agricultural Education and will bring her education background to teaching and meeting the needs of Newton County.

The Newton Extension Office will continue to be a resource for COVID-19 information for the community. We are posting updates on our social media. These updates are useful information for the community and prevention is a key strategy for control. Please visit <https://www.uga.edu/coronavirus/info.php> for more information.

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ANR Updates

- The ANR Agent, Ashley Best, is developing a **new blog for the Newton Extension Office** showcasing different topics that focus on Newton County agriculture. Topics include but are not limited to homeowner grass maintenance, gardening, hay production, beef cattle and backyard poultry. Expected release date is April 10th.
- Newton Extension has a new **Instagram (@uga_extension_newton)** and will be doing Virtual Tours occasionally on the story feature. Posts include updates for COVID-19, service updates, ag facts, and much more.
- Ashley Best has been **training via zoom in ANR Foundations** as well as Forages to meet the needs of Newton County. She has been learning about plant pathology, basic pond management, conducting field visits, veterinary diagnostics, pecan growing, and forestry programming. She has also completed CEC Training on Policies, Procedures and Practices.
- Due to COVID-19 and the new ANR Agent contacts and site visit numbers are down
 - 46 contacts made in March
 - 3 Site visits: Poultry, Strawberries, Homeowner Turf

4-H Update

- Newton 4-H wrapped up **Project Achievement** in March. On a Cloverleaf level (4th-6th grade), we saw a 100% increase in county-level projects with 373 competing in the public speaking competition! Fifty-four competed at district competition, which was hosted by Newton 4-H at Newton High with an estimated 1000 people in attendance from 12 counties. For Juniors and Seniors (7th-12th grades), 14 youth completed annual 4-H portfolios and presented public speaking demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, or musical performances. Delaney Millerick won second in Festive Foods for Health and will move on to State 4-H Congress with her demonstration on seafood & sushi.
- **Camp registration** opened for Cloverleaf Camp (4th-6th grades), Marine Resources camps (6th-8th grades), Wilderness Challenge Camp (6th-8th grades), Junior Camp (7th-8th grades), Senior Extreme Camp (9th-12th grades), Senior Camp (9th-12th grades) and Music Education Matters Summit (6th-12th grades). Additionally, **state scholarships** were secured for youth at the **Newton Boys & Girls Club** (3 youth for Senior Camp) and **Washington Street Community Center** (4 youth & 1 adult for Cloverleaf Camp) to attend at only \$25 each. Forty-eight youth are currently registered.
- Newton 4-H member Ella Prosser of Indian Creek Middle School was elected by Northwest District 4-H members to serve on the **2020-2021 Junior Board of Directors**.
- Livestock Team member Gracie Woodward of Indian Creek Middle School won a heifer from the **Georgia Junior Cattle-men's Heifer Allotment Youth (HAY)** program.
- **Northwest District Special Awards** were presented to Newton 4-H'ers Delaney Millerick (Best Project Club for her cooking club) and CJ Harris (Best Community Service Project for the STEAM Team's day camp, community programming and scholarship to another county).

