

Cumberland County

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Community Voices

"4-H has become my second home and family. I have always felt accepted and included. I am incredibly grateful to have 4-H be such a huge part of my life, and I couldn't imagine a life without it. I am who I am and where I am today because of the Cumberland 4-H program, the people I've met, and the memories I've made. The abilities I learned from 4-H have set me on a path for success in many different ways."



KayLynn Finch
4-H Member

1,036

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Partners for Solutions

"Cumberland 4-H has an amazing relationship with Cumberland County Public Schools. This year, the third grade was added to the in-school enrichment calendar, enabling me to expand the reach that 4-H has in the community. Monthly, I work with students from second to sixth grades. This year I am partnering with the county schools on a 21st Century Grant that will allow me to extend the 4-H program to grades seven through 12."



Linda Eanes
Agent



2023 Artificial Insemination Clinic participants inseminate cattle with the help of Select Sires technician Luke Johnson.

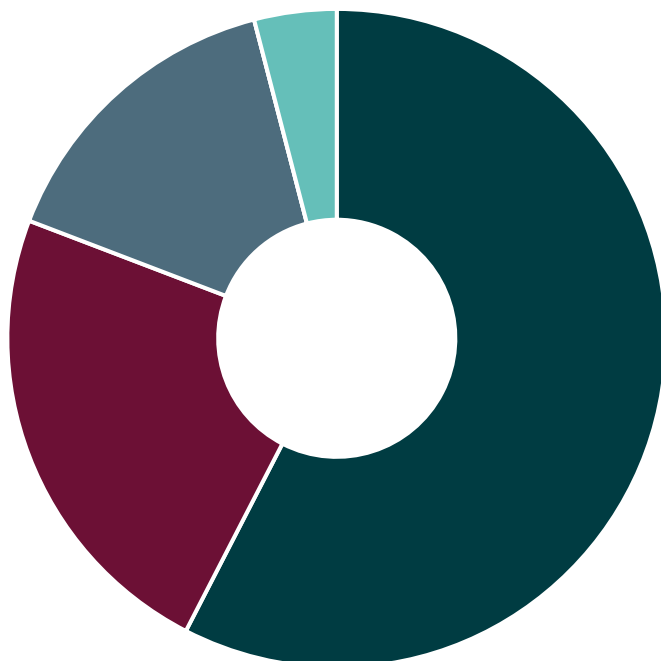
Sharing Knowledge

Beef producers across Virginia are constantly looking for new ways to improve production efficiency and reduce input costs of their operation. Bull power is overlooked as a driving force in genetic change, as bulls can account for 50% of the genetic makeup of a herd. By using artificial insemination, a producer can select for improved genetics to increase animal performance and profits while reducing the need for additional inputs.

The VCE Artificial Insemination Clinic has been held locally in partnership with the Virginia Department of Corrections, semen companies, and Buckingham Cattlemen's Association. Each clinic has lecture-style instruction, hands-on demonstrations, and application of knowledge with live animals. Our partnerships allow us to offer this course to producers for \$65, when other courses exceed \$300. Since 2011, we have offered this course to over 200 local producers and youth.

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Funding by Source



57% State

23% Local

15% Federal

4% Other

Total Funding: \$266,885

\$3.29

return on investment
for every dollar
invested by the county
in **Cumberland County**

\$190,714

value of extension
volunteer hours in
Cumberland County

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