

# Accomack County

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## Community Voices

“Thank you so much for facilitating the ACPS poverty simulation. Teachers have continued to talk about how important a piece this was to their training. I feel quite sure they will use what they learned and bring more empathy into their classrooms this year as a result of this training.”

### Julie Evans

Division Teacher Mentor and Instructional Coach, Accomack County Public Schools



# 32,596

acres benefitting from VCE research

## Partners for Solutions

“You can hear more about agriculture every day by tuning to our local radio station, WESR. I write and record segments focusing on production agriculture, conservation efforts, and economics in order to engage the community about the largest industry in Accomack County.”



**Theresa Pittman**  
Agent



Accomack County Public School third graders learn about soybean production at Farm Tour Day.

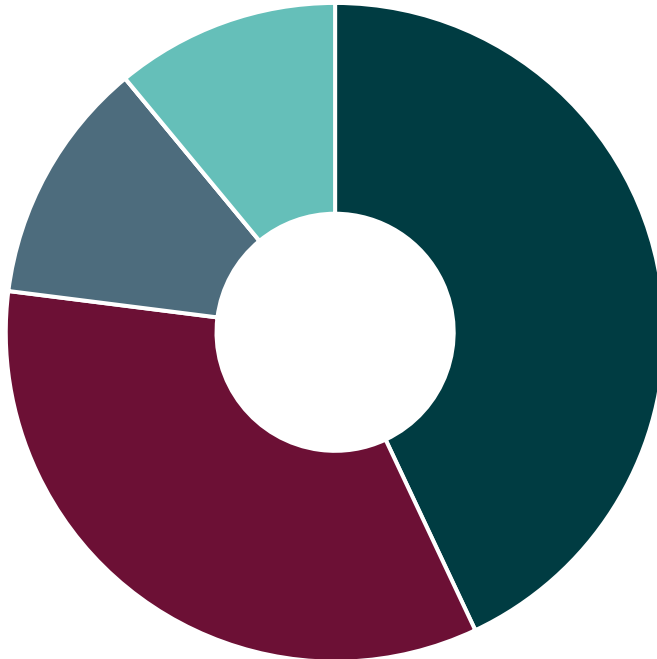
## Sharing Knowledge

The Eastern Shore Master Gardeners – an integral part of Accomack County Extension’s educational efforts – transformed their dedication into tangible benefits that advanced the wellbeing of Accomack County residents. Through an engaged network of 58 Master Gardeners, 19 interns, and three emeritus members, they reached more than 5,916 individuals, sharing knowledge via innovative programs such as public radio broadcasts, educational school and community garden projects, tours, and outreach efforts. This resulted in an impressive 5,857 volunteer hours with a public value of \$161,067.

A pinnacle of these efforts was Farm Tour Day at Duncan Farms, which engaged 351 third graders, 25 teachers, and 85 volunteers in an exploration of modern farming techniques. This event was a testament to Extension’s mission to implement research in ways that support businesses and communities. The 20 interactive learning stations provided hands-on education on agricultural subjects, supporting Extension’s commitment to community enrichment and the dissemination of knowledge.

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## Funding by Source



**43% State**

**34% Local**


**12% Federal**

**11% Other**

**Total Funding: \$287,495**



**\$1.91**  
return on investment  
for every dollar  
invested by the county  
in **Accomack County**



**\$59,998**  
value of extension  
volunteer hours in  
**Accomack County**

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