

Appomattox County

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Community Voices

“The enrichment opportunities provided by Appomattox Extension agents Bonnie Tillotson and Bruce Jones are invaluable to the Appomattox community. Agents go above and beyond to partner with families and organizations in and outside of school to provide real-world lessons that improve our students and impact the community.”



Jason Wells

Appomattox School Board member and Assistant Principal, Concord Elementary School

1,430

Appomattox Youth Participants Served

Partners for Solutions

“I promoted the Southern Virginia Precision Agriculture and Farm Efficiency Grant funded by the Virginia Tobacco Commission. This provided \$25,000 to five Appomattox farmers with an interest in hay barns, cattle handling equipment, and precision agriculture technology. A waiting list of five producers was established to provide justification for additional funding.”



Bruce Jones
Agent



Sixth grade language arts teacher Ryesha Walker assists a student making biscuits.

Sharing Knowledge

Following a decline in school nutrition education, the USDA deputy undersecretary of food, nutrition, and consumer services, Stacy Dean, indicated the need for programs on nutrition and food preparation to be reimplemented.

Ensuring that this learning is hands-on and that every student is given the opportunity to prepare a recipe on their own requires a lot of preparation. It is not feasible for classroom teachers to do this on their own. The Appomattox Extension Office has regularly offered youth cooking instruction.

Appomattox Extension partnered with Appomattox Middle School to offer cooking lessons tied to books students were reading. One hundred thirty-four youth indicated they were more comfortable preparing a recipe at home as a result of this program.

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Funding by Source



48% State

25% Local

14% Federal

12% Other

Total Funding: \$361,023

\$2.99

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

\$169,462

value of extension
volunteer hours in
Appomattox County

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