

# EXTENSION Today



## IN ANDERSON COUNTY

*In Anderson County we're growing ideas that make a difference in your life, your family, and your community. We have a dedicated staff of trained professionals delivering educational programs in agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, and community and economic development. The Anderson County Cooperative Extension Office is your connection to the University of Kentucky and the world.*

*You'll see some key numbers in this report. But the numbers don't show you the people or the impact of our work. So the rest of this report shows the faces behind some of the numbers.*

### Educational Programming

- Summer 4-H Camp is a great opportunity for youth to develop independent living skills. 79 enthusiastic campers along with 18 teen and adult volunteers attended summer camp 2011.



2011 4-H Camp, Teens & Adults

- 300 8th grade students were "Reality Store" consumers. This program is an eye-opening experience for youth who must make decisions about budgeting and consumer choices.
- 4-H Shooting Sports offered instruction to 18 youth in the disciplines of shotgun, .22 rifle and archery. Instruction also included safety, ethics and sportsmanship. Anderson County had state champion teams and individuals.

### Reaching Out to Anderson County



<i>Educational Programs</i>	
Programs presented	325
Total participants	8,125
<i>Educational Contacts</i>	
Clientele visits	693
Telephone consultations	4,500
Newsletters distributed	4,378
<i>Volunteer Development</i>	
Volunteers	362
Volunteer hours	3,220
Clientele reached by volunteers	6,980



Reality Store involves the entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade and more than twenty-five volunteers.



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- *Babysitting Adventures* taught 15 youth how to start their own business, handle difficult situations, be prepared for emergencies and how to be a well-rounded babysitter.
- 4-H project clubs included Horse Club, Livestock Club, Dog Club and Shooting Sports. Overall 53 youth participated in a variety of learning experiences including field trips, shows, skillathons, judging contests, quiz bowls and other competitions.
- *Agriculture Adventures* program co-sponsored by Emma B. Ward Elementary offered the entire student body of the school hands-on educational programming on how agriculture relates to their daily life.
- The Extension Service provided educational programming for community partners such as the Anderson County Drug Court, Head Start and Senior Citizens.
- Extension Homemakers conduct programs such as Festival of Foods and Holiday Festival. Funds from these programs are used to award a \$500 scholarship.
- Educational classes offered to the public included basket weaving, working with wool fiber, couponing, social networking, self-defense and healthy meals on a budget.
- Zumba, a new fitness craze, began working out at the Extension Office with an average of 25+ participants weekly.
- One producer was taught how to grow container production of natural season garden mums commercially.
- Nine meetings on beef production were held
- Good Agricultural Practices Training for 7 producers to be able to provide samples of produce at the farmer's market
- Workshop for Early Childhood Center on Gardening Basics 101 with 120 in attendance
- Private Applicator Pesticide Certification, 25 people
- Hosted 6 day workshop on hardwood lumber drying & sawing with state & national speakers. Eighty-six people from eleven states participated.
- Beef Quality Assurance Training for 10 farmers
- Eight Anderson County families participated in the Kentucky Farm Start beginning farmer program. Families participated in a series of 12 face to face educational programs geared specifically to the needs of the beginning farmer.
- Seven families attended the "Got Cedar: Now What?" workshop to gain an understanding of red cedar markets, how to manage & harvest red cedar, and how to go about selling it.
- Hosted Field Day with Kentucky State University for Foreign Animal Zoonotic Disease Control Program



ZUMBA!

## Leadership Development

- Organized classroom clubs enabled 655 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth the opportunity to learn basic parliamentary procedure and how to conduct club meetings.
- 144 youth became 4-H club officers and learned the skills necessary to hold monthly club meetings and conduct business.
- The Country Ham project not only teaches the heritage skill of curing ham, but also encourages youth to share their knowledge through the communication component of the project. 11 youth participated in 2011 with two speech champions.

- 20 local elected officials attended an Extension Service sponsored program, “Innovative Economic Development Strategies”.

### Agriculture in Action

- 4 beef producers participated in timed artificial insemination studies for Certified Preconditioned for Health group marketing sale.
- ANR Agent conducted a tobacco black shank trial on Jimmy Young’s farm.



*Jimmy & Mary Ann Young harvesting a tobacco black shank trial.*

- Current law requires a minimum of 6% phosphorus in the mineral mix. Working with beef nutrition specialists we are experimenting with a 3% phosphorus mix throughout the entire breeding to calving season in hopes that data can be obtained to legally lower the minimum phosphorus level to 3%; lowering the cost of mineral mix for farmers by \$2-4 per hundred weight of mineral mix.
- New chemistries for controlling face and horn flies on cattle have been introduced in recent years. The Extension Office conducted on-farm trials with 10 cattle herds to evaluate the effectiveness of five different fly tag chemistries.
- Two local farmers are evaluating a plant growth regulator called RyzUp Smartgrass that is used to stimulate pasture growth.
- Agricultural engineers have designed and are testing the first ventilation system for a tobacco stripping room with one Anderson County farmer. This has helped to reduce dust in the stripping room for the workers.

### **The Anderson County Cooperative Extension Service**

*We deliver information, education, solutions.*

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- Our office administers the Phase I tobacco program to eligible farmers.



*Don Sayre working cattle through equipment purchased with Phase I tobacco funds.*



*Replacement females purchased through Phase I Program.*



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