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The **Franklin County** Cooperative Extension Service is your link to the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service and Kentucky State University Cooperative Extension. Our mission is to provide factual, unbiased information and educational programs to all citizens.

Agriculture & Natural Resources *Keenan Bishop*

Agriculture is important to Franklin County as it generates 12.1 million dollars for our local economy. Crops contribute 7.36 million, and livestock 4.78 million. The farm population of around 689 farms is unique in that 60% work off the farm and 44% regularly work are part-time farmers who spend 200 days or more in off-farm employment. The Agriculture Extension Programs provide educational information and educational services to all citizens, both rural and urban.

Agricultural Development Council: The Franklin County Agricultural Development Council is composed of 8 council members dedicated to overseeing the Phase I Tobacco Master Settlement Funds in Franklin County. The Council has helped invest over one million dollars into the local farming community.

Agricultural Winter Schools: 125 landowners attended classes related to Fence Law, Buy-Out Tax Implications, Cost-Share Options, Buy-Out Update and Beef Cattle Production.

Reaching out to Franklin County:

Extension Educational Center	Use
Programs Presented	653
Total Participants	10,365

Educational Contacts

Office, field, and telephone visits	44,598
Newsletters distributed	32,553
Newspaper & special articles	235

Diagnostic Reports

Soil samples	333
Weed, plant, and insect ID	193
Plant Disease, Nitrate, Endophyte	195

Cattlemen Promoting Beef



Jim Morse and son along with Jim Mucci, Hank Schweickart and Doyle Devers cooked over 400 ribeyes for field day.

2005 Field Day



The Bondurant family, hosts of the Farm City Field Day at A Little Bit of Heaven in Peaks Mill.



At one of the six educational field day stops, the KDA demonstrates farm safety with tractors and ATV's.

Family and Consumer Sciences Nancy Edwards

Program emphasis includes: "Weight the Reality Series", "Get Moving KY," health and nutrition, HEEL programs, quilt guild workshops, antiques and collectibles, family budgeting, interior design, painting, felting and wreaths.

Disadvantaged families received nutrition and money management information through the KSU Family Development and Management program and the UK food stamp program. One part-time KSU assistant implements these programs.

3,728 participants attended 31 different class topics that met 195 times

Great Places in Kentucky



Nancy Edwards, Family & Consumer Sciences agent trained Homemaker Club leaders in "Great Places in Kentucky," a travel, history, and cultural lesson of Ken-

- 9 training schools with 171 leaders trained – 5 at night
- 15 different non-extension audiences received family and consumer sciences programs
- 20 homemaker clubs with 368 members. Clubs are open to the public and include both men and women
- State and area homemakers presidents are Franklin County Homemakers
- 1,268 pounds of aluminum pop can tabs were collected and sold for camp scholarships to Indian Summer Camp
- 350 children shopped at Homemakers Holiday Store
- Kitchen Kamp for Kids teaches children to cook
- \$1,000 scholarship presented to a graduating high school senior

Homemakers Educational Exhibit at Fair



Homemakers, Shirley Fitzpatrick, Area President and Rene` Siria, State President worked an educational exhibit at the county fair on ovarian cancer

4-H/Youth Development Jennifer Hudnall



Youth learned about the “theory of transfer” during Crime Scene Investigation class at 4-H camp this year. Pictured here, youth carefully collected evidence being sure not to compromise important clues of this mock crime scene.

4-H Changing Attitudes

Technological advancements such as cell phones and computers increase the use of non-personal communication among school age youth. In correlation, 70 percent of Franklin County school club teachers identified character education and the use of positive communication skills as a void in core content curriculum.

In response, the Franklin County 4-H program introduced “Caring and Sharing” month to approximately 1100 youth in 51 school clubs. This 4-H lesson allowed youth to explore the ins and outs of peer relationship and the importance of considering other peoples feelings. Youth were challenged to practice leadership among their peers by communicating effectively and recording their own personal actions that reflect positive character. 743 students reported actions that reflected positive, caring character and communication in their classroom. Way to go 4H-ers!

4-H Camp “Catch the Wave”

One hundred and thirty two campers and 36 adult volunteers attended 4-H camp this summer. Our island theme “Catch the Wave” was based upon an educational focus of water.

Each 4-Her completed two hours of fun-filled “water exploration” where they learned the value of water to our society and the importance of water stewardship.

2005 4-H Camp



Local 4-H’ers enjoy canoeing class at 4-H camp on Lake Carnico in Carlisle, Kentucky. 4-H camp this sum-

4-H in Franklin County

Total Youth Enrollment -1785
School Clubs – 58
Environmental/4-H Camp – 223
Shooting Sports – 21
4-H Projects – 111
Volunteers – 117
Ham Project – 13



4-H Horticulture Judging Winners



These 4-H students competed in Horticulture Judging at the 2005 Kentucky State Fair: Ali Higgs, Karen Morgan, and Matthew Lodmell.

Horticulture
Edie Greer

The Horticulture agent works with both backyard and commercial growers to improve gardening and landscaping skills in Franklin County.

Workshop Teaches Youth Pruning Skills



FFA students volunteered to help rejuvenate an orchard

KY Herb Festival = Plants and Workshops



Sarah Cole shows how to dye fabrics with plants and flowers at the 2005 Kentucky Herb Festival.

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