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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% 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 almost two million dollars into the local farming community.

Agricultural Winter Schools: 125 landowners attended classes related to Record Keeping, Pesticide Safety, Cattle Marketing, High Hoop Tunnel Production & Livestock Grazing.

Reaching out to Franklin County:

Extension Educational Center	Use
Programs Presented	615
Total Participants	10,159

Educational Contacts

Office, field, and telephone visits	41,476
Newsletters distributed	21,859
Newspaper & special articles	228

Diagnostic Reports

Soil samples	457
Weed, plant, and insect ID	175
Plant Disease, Nitrate, Endophyte	193
Animal Rations	15

Agriculture Development Council



Council Members left to right: Noel Wise, Melanie Hockensmith, Jim Morse, Don Newell, Hank Schweickart (chair), Amy Wheatley, Alvin Bogie and Kerry Redding (vice-chair)

ANR Dry Stone Workshop



Participants of a dry stone workshop helped build a low retaining wall at Westridge Elementary

FCS Quilt Guild



Kathleen Dailey and Judith Ricks founding members of the Quilt Guild receive recognition at the "Many Cultures –One Art Quilt Show.

Homemakers



County Homemakers attending Leader Training on "Brain Power" taught by Jennifer Klee, Woodford Co. FCS Agent.

Family and Consumer Sciences Tamera Thomas

Family and Consumer Sciences programming focused on health and wellness, nutrition and money management.

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.

- 25 children ages 10-13 participated in a summer cooking camp sponsored by UK Food Nutritional Education Program and Kentucky State University
- 690 pounds of aluminum pop cans were collected to support Indian Summer Camp in the amount of \$379.50.
- The Quilt Guild hosted a reception for Katrina evacuees and presented each participant with a quilt.
- Partnered with the Bluegrass Alliance for Women to host the Dollars and Sense for Women program on budgeting, credit and retirement - 31 women participated.
- Participated in health fairs and set up nutritional displays for Kentucky Department of Transportation, Capital City Christian Church and Franklin Co. Farmers Market.
- Franklin County Homemakers awarded a \$1200 scholarship to Janie E. McWilliams.
- 17 homemaker clubs with 338 members. Clubs are open to the public and include both men and women.
- 300 children shopped at Homemakers Holiday Store.



4-H/Youth Development Jennifer Hudnall

Environmental Camp: In an effort to extend environmental education efforts, Franklin County 4-H conducted a 4-H Environmental Camp for 37 campers and 21 adults. Campers participated in a range of hands on activities such as Challenge Course, Fishing, Animal Behaviors, Stone Fences and Reptiles.

As a result of the environmental camp, a camper survey found that 97% of youth learned that wildlife need food, water shelter and space to survive. 87% of youth learned that human activity can negatively affect on wildlife and their habitats. This basic understanding of our cohabitation with nature serves as a stepping stone to pave the way in promoting environmental awareness among youth today.

Livestock Club: Youth gain many benefits from involvement with livestock projects. They establish long-term goals for animal science projects, commit time and money, and assume the responsibilities of caring for and fitting animals for shows. In response to its worth, the Franklin County 4-H Council recently identified the need for a youth 4-H Livestock club here in Franklin County.



Livestock Club visited the UK Dairy Farm

To get the 4-H Livestock program off the ground, CES recruited volunteers, secured meeting locations and wrote a \$600 grant to certify 6 volunteers to lead the program. As a result of this certification, 41 youth enrolled in the Livestock Club. 73% of these youth attended more than 6 hours of club meetings and field trips. Field trips included a tour of the U.K. Dairy, KSU Farm, Whether or Not Farm. Youth attended workshops and trainings related to animal husbandry, animal health, and show ethics. These workshops were supplemented with hands on activities and a tour of farms.

4-H in Franklin County

Total Youth Enrollment-2684
Club Enrollment-2343
Special Interest-28
Camping-215
School Enrichment-554
Volunteers 69



Horticulture Kim Cowherd

Franklin County Horticulture strives to educate homeowners, the “green” industry, small producers and growers, and youth to be better consumers and stewards of our natural resources. Educational information is distributed through programs such as Gardener’s Toolbox, 4-H Horticulture Club, Farmer’s Market, and the monthly newsletter - Horticulture Hotline.

Franklin County Farmer's Market



Franklin Countians enjoyed purchasing fresh produce at the Farmer's Market.

Horticulture In Action



4-H Youth Horticulture Club carving pumpkins with Garden Club Volunteers.



Dave Leonard, Arborist, demonstrates pruning to the Gardener's Toolbox Class.

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