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FRANKLIN COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT 2004

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 7.4 million, and livestock 4.8 million. The farm population of around 689 farms is unique in that 53% are part-time farmers who spend 100 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 \$864,016 into the local farming community.

Agricultural Winter Schools: 157 landowners attended classes related to Farm Pond Management, Cedar Production and Marketing, ATV Safety, Cattle Breeding and Health, and a Cattle Industry Update.

Reaching out to Franklin County:	
Extension Educational Center	Use
Programs Presented	742
Total Participants	13,132

Educational Contacts	
Office, field, and telephone visits	151,031
Newsletters distributed	5,144
Newspaper & special articles	249

Diagnostic Reports	
Soil samples	381
Weed, plant, and insect ID	253
Plant Disease	252

Governor gives market ***“Thumbs Up”***



Governor Fletcher gives the watermelon at the farmers market a “thumbs up.”

New options: Shiitake



Twenty five people attended a December Shiitake production workshop taught by UK Extension Specialist Dr Debra Hill

Homemakers study "Easy Recipes"



Nancy Edwards, left, trained leaders to teach homemaker members in monthly club topics

2004 Field Day



The Joe and Carol South Roe family, hosts of the Farm City Field Day at the South Farm in Switzer.

Family and Consumer Sciences Nancy Edwards

Program emphasis includes: "Get Moving KY," health and nutrition, HEEL programs, quilt guild workshops, antiques and collectibles, family budgeting, interior design, painting and baskets.

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.

- 3,945 participants attended 25 different class topics that met 247 times

- 9 training schools with 155 leaders trained – 5 at night
- 14 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
- 400 children shopped at Homemakers Holiday Store
- Cooking Camp for Kids teaches children to cook
- \$1,000 scholarship presented to a graduating high school senior

Get Moving Kentucky!



These participants enjoyed a walk around Lakeview Park as part of the "Get Moving Kentucky" program.

4-H/Youth Development Jennifer Hudnall



The Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service would like to welcome Jennifer Hudnall, our new 4-H Agent for 4-H and Youth Development. Jennifer is a Scott County native and a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Education, Communications and Leadership. As a life long 4-H'er herself, Jennifer plans on continuing the success of the existing 4-H program while integrating new programs within Franklin County. Welcome Jennifer!

Treasures of Nature

While most Franklin County students were doing math and homework on a cool October school day, Hearn Elementary 5th grade students were digging up dirt for a soil study...and netting up fish and tadpoles in Lake Carnico.

In conjunction with 4-H, 72 fifth grade students and 27 parent volunteers from Hearn Elementary participated in 4-H Environmental Camp at North Central 4-H camp in Carlisle Kentucky. During this two day, overnight camp, students studied marine habitat, animal tracks, bee hives, bird adaptations and soil study. Above all, this learning opportunity exposed 4-H'ers to "the great outdoors" and inspired a greater appreciation of the treasures of nature.

2004 4-H Camp



Erik Jarboe hams it up as part of a skit at the 2004 4-H camp.

4-H in Franklin County

Total Youth Enrollment -1063

4-H Camp -204

Shooting Sports-21

Volunteers-106

Mechanical Skills- 163

*Woodworking

*Electricity

*Tractor Safety

Speeches and Demonstrations-66

Family resource-30

*Clothing

*Foods

*Fashion Review

*Food Preservation

4-H Horticulture Judging Winners



These 4-H students competed in Horticulture Judging at the 2003 Kentucky State Fair: Elaine Patterson, Karen Morgan and Matthew Lodmell,

Horticulture Edie Greer

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

The Farmers Market celebrated the year with a new pavilion made possible by tobacco settlement funds. One of the highlights of the year was the presence of both Governor Fletcher and Department of Agriculture's Richie Farmer announcing the state parks produce purchase system.

Tobacco Dollars → Veggie Dollars



With funds from the Phase I tobacco settlement, the Farmers Market moved into its new home in May. The pavilion is a great success, with ½ of the 35 family vendors being new to the market.

KY Herb Festival = Workshops



The Kentucky Herb Association's June Herb Festival continues to add workshops, including this one on hypertufa pots.

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Mushrooms Growing Popular

