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REPORT TO THE PEOPLE 2001-2002

NELSON COUNTY

AGRICULTURE

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County Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources

84 Producers attended the Annual Beef Cattle Field Day at Sarah and Adam Wheatley's farm. Forage production and utilization was highlighted. Dr. Jimmy Henning led the discussion on endophyte friendly fescue.

A Master Cattlemen Program was implemented in conjunction with Marion and Washington Counties. 11 Nelson county producers will be participating through 2002. The program is an intensive Integrated Resources Management course on all aspects of Beef Production. Other partners include the Kentucky Cattlemen Association and UK College of Agriculture.



Phase I Tobacco Settlement Activities

\$ A total of 20 board, committee and educational meetings were held. A total combined attendance of over 400 producers was achieved.

Approved Grant Programs are:

\$ Beef Genetics - \$140,000+ was spent by 92 producers on bulls with superior genetics.

\$ Forage Improvement - \$250,000+ was spent by approximately 125 producers on lime, fertilizer

and improved variety seed.

\$ Dairy Genetics - \$50,000+ was spent by 25 producers on superior dairy genetics.

\$ 110 Producers signed up for and were Beef Quality Assurance certified for the Cattle Handling Facilities money.

\$ At least 8 other grant applications were received and approved and are at some level of implementation. They include marketing coops and ventures.

4-H

Mike Caldwell

County Extension Agent for 4-H/Youth Development

Nelson County is unique with its diverse population and topography. The county consist of three major highways, one interstate, and two river systems that impact transportation and natural resources in the county. The county is also rich in farm land which helps the 4-H program have large livestock projects.

Nelson County consist of three school systems: Nelson County, Bardstown and Private. The three systems contain three high schools, 3 middle schools and 12 elementary schools, and one vocational school.

Four-H in Nelson County is proud to have the County Ham Curing Project for its third year in the county program. Youth involved in the Market to Market Swine Club cures two hams each and they make a speech presentation and exhibit at the county and state fair.

Judy Creech, 4-H Program Assistant carries out a major part of the 4-H program which consist of 4-H Camp, school enrichment, and special interest 4-H projects.

Nelson County 4-H involves over 2,300 young people in its program throughout the year.

Four-H project clubs are: Sport Fishing, Dog Club, Outriders Horse Club, Beef Club, Shooting Sports Club, Market to Market and the Teen Council. These clubs have a specific interest according to their missions, mainly to improve their skills and knowledge of their club program.



Four-H Camp impact the total 4-H program involving 407 campers ages 9-13 years old, teen leaders, and adult leaders. These young people learn a host of skills such as boating, swimming, crafts, caring for natural resources, communications, and interpersonal relationships.

Special Interest projects: Environmental Camps, Outdoor Classroom, Johnny Goes to Nutrition Land, and Native American Culture.

The 4-H Program will offer a new club, Small Animals & Pets, this 4-H program year 2002-2003. Small animals and pets will include cats, Guinea Pig, Gerbil, rabbits, birds and other caged animals.

HORTICULTURE

Robbie Smith

County Extension Agent for Horticulture

The Nelson County Horticulture Advisory Board (NCHAB) has undertaken and implemented an important project for the county. The NCHAB received a \$50,000 dollar grant from the phase I tobacco settlement funds. This grant is to be used to help farmers crossover from traditional agriculture crops to more horticulture crops. Thus far the Agriculture diversification project has dispersed \$25,000 to interested farmers.

The Second annual Gardening Field Day was well attended with nearly 50 individuals participating. The

event was held at Maurice Fegenbush's farm on Plum Run Road. The field day featured a guest speaker, Dr. John Strang, a hayride with questions and answers, a cookout, and plenty of information on several different subjects.



Several workshops were offered throughout the year including a fruit tree training, girdling root removal, container gardening, and wine making.

Two New organizations have been formed in central Kentucky (the Lincoln Trail Farm Winery Association and the Lincoln Trail Grape Growers Association) as a result of the high interest associated with this commodity.

Family and Consumer Science

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Family & Consumer Science

Proper Hand Washing

Over 155 participants, including preschoolers, youth and adults learned about the importance of proper hand washing through the Glitterbug Activity.

Correct hand washing techniques are an important factor in the health of all individuals. Most people do not wash hands long enough to get rid of bacteria that can cause illness or even death.



Through the use of Glitterbug (chemical germs) and a black light, hand sanitizer/soap and water, a very visual

experiment can illustrate the importance of correct hand washing.

Manners & Etiquette

104 Youth learned the importance of correct table manners through hands-on activities.

A Business Etiquette Luncheon was held in conjunction with the Nelson County A.P.E.S. Program. 45 High school juniors and guests were in attendance and were served a 3-course sit down meal for the event.

R.S.V.P. Senior Companion Training

35 Senior adults were trained with nutrition educational information through the R. S. V. P. Senior Companion Program. These individuals are hired to work with the elderly in meal planning, food preparation and other household tasks. Basic nutrition is taught during the two hour session. Educational packets were distributed to those receiving the training.

Antique Classes

90 Adults from 6 counties attended a series of 8 classes/lectures on Antiques and Collectables. Many of these participants were first time Extension Service participants.

Combined Programming

Farm to Table Connection

Lincoln Trail Extension Area hosted the second annual Farm to Table Connection Conference held in November 2001 in Hardin County. Mammoth Cave and Lincoln Trail Extension Areas jointly worked together along with Kentucky Department of Agriculture to plan and implement the conference. The overall objective of the conference was to bring together producers and consumers to promote the production and consumption of Kentucky-grown farm products.



329 were in attendance for the conference. 321 Persons attended the Taste of Kentucky. There were

34 exhibitors at the trade show, with 21 exhibitors selling products amounting to \$2480 in a 3 hour time period. 71 Persons took advantage of blood pressure and blood sugar testing offered through the Mobile Wellness Unit from Hardin Memorial Hospital.

The American Private Enterprise Seminar program was another successful event that had input from all four programming areas. The event was coordinated by 4-H, Horticulture, and Salt River RECC and included logistical assistance from the Agriculture Agent and a lesson on manners and etiquette from the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent.

Nearly forty high school juniors from all three high schools competed for trips, money, and scholarships if they won on the state level. The seminar included a tour of Jideco, and six local speakers lectured to them on the topic of business.



Nelson County was represented very well in the state competition. Four students competed against 200 other students for 8 trips to the national event and Nelson County students were good enough to receive two of those positions.

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