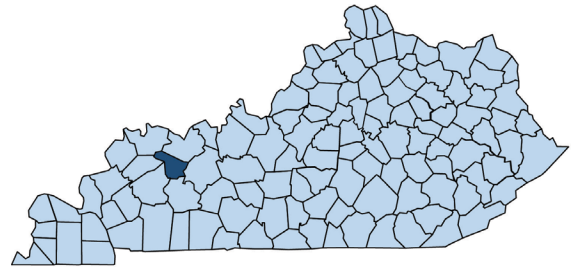


REPORT TO THE PEOPLE



McLean County 2021



DID YOU KNOW... McLean County is the second largest poultry producing county in the state of Kentucky.



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Community Economic Development



Farm Bureau Annual Meeting first to use new chairs and tables.

2500

Number of people impacted by Advisory Councils, community organizations, and other volunteers including County Ag Investment Program (CAIP), Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee, farm bureau, county fairs, festivals, etc.

85

Number of individuals who are comfortable identifying community problems

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Field days serve to educate cattlemen regarding important production principles while demonstrating practices in a practical, on-farm setting. Agriculture Extension agents in Webster, Hopkins, and McLean Counties have organized and held a Regional Beef Field Day for beef producers in the Tri-County area. These field days offer producers an opportunity to see how production practices are implemented on local farms.

Field days also promote the adoption of new practices that improve production efficiency while protecting natural resources, which are goals outlined in the county plan of work. This year's event was held at Jeff Pettit's farm in Sebree. Over 70 area producers attended and learned about Filling in the gaps (Winter feeding rations), Pasture walk, and Techniques for handling cattle.

As Covid -19 subsides in much of Kentucky and many in-person activities slowly begin to happen, the McLean County Ag agent saw an opportunity to bring together several groups in McLean County to develop the Extension Facilities at Myer Creek park even further. The McLean County Extension District Board, the McLean County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and the Mclean County Conservation Board saw fit to forge a partnership to buy 360 chairs and 36 72" round tables and donate them to the Myer Creek Park facility.

This will enable that facility to host many more community events, annual meetings, educational activities, and monthly organized group meetings (4-H, County Government, FCS, Commodity Groups). This was a \$19000.00 investment from partners that see the importance and future possibilities for this community-based project.



Tri-County Beef Field show pasture walk with Dr. Chris Teutsch.

125

Number of producers that increased knowledge of production, fertility management, varieties, insect control, disease or pests and/or sustainable practices

75

Number of people who gained knowledge of forage production, management and/or profitability which could include species, best management practices for species, forage harvest and storage, pasture renovation

4-H Youth Development



4-H Day Camp Participants enjoyed painting tobacco stick crafts.

250

Number of hours of service contributed

50

The number of 4-H youth and adults who have volunteered in a non-4-H community non-profits two or more times during the year

The McLean County 4-H Council decided to not attend the 4-H camp due to concern over the pandemic however they wanted to offer a 2-day camp for the youth of Mclean County. Thirty kids from McLean County enjoyed project days working with leaves, insects, wood, and crafts. The 4-H Council also took the opportunity to promote the current active clubs that are meeting here in McLean County.

One parent was quoted as saying “I feel like this was a much safer environment than camp and my kids were exposed to the 4-H program/ projects that McLean County offers.”

It turned out to be a highly successful day camp for the 4-H program

NUTRITION EDUCATION

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic according to 2019 data from the Feeding America website, one in seven Kentuckians were food insecure and those aged 50-59 had the highest rate of food insecurity in the nation. During the pandemic, demand on food banks significantly increased as families faced layoffs and cutbacks at work. In response, during the 2020-2021 program year, 78% of SNAP-Ed and EFNEP Nutrition Education Program (NEP) Assistants reported partnering with local food banks to share recipes, newsletters and other materials and resources in food boxes. One SNAP-Ed Assistant reported delivering 100 Emergency Food Assistance cookbooks, 1,250 healthy and easy recipes, 300 Seasoned newsletters and 200 Healthy at Home newsletters to a local food pantry. A recipient said, “I was so happy to see recipes in my food box. Sometimes it’s hard to think of ways to use some things you receive. These recipes will help me prepare healthier meals when feeding my family. Thank you.” By partnering with food banks, NEP was able to reach hundreds of families throughout Kentucky.



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... just a few ways Extension supports Kentucky

- *23,971 Kentucky youth who participated in a project, activity or event in science, engineering and technology through 4-H programming.*
- *4,890 Kentucky producers adopting new technologies in agriculture production.*
- *3,399 Kentuckians who improved or maintained health from participating in gardening.*
- *3,898 Kentucky families who supplemented their diets with foods they grew or preserved.*
- *4,161 Kentuckians participating in community trail projects.*

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