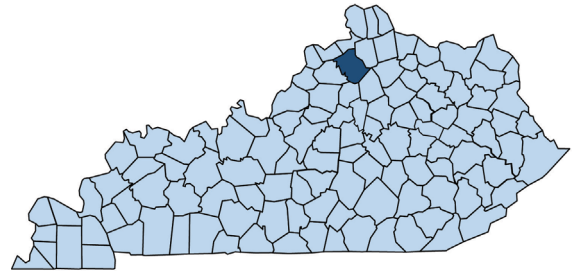


REPORT TO THE PEOPLE



Owen County 2021



DID YOU KNOW... Owen County had 7 youth win awards/ribbons for Country Ham speeches at the KY State Fair in 2020.



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Family and Consumer Sciences



Snow globe door hanger made from the first kit.

15

Number of arts projects completed through extension programming

5

Number of youth who completed a state fair arts, photography, or other visual arts project

Nutrition Education

In a three-county region in Northern Kentucky, the Owen/Gallatin/Carroll County Nutrition Education Program Assistant came up with an idea for Day Camp in a Bag. Working with Gallatin and Carroll County 4-H youth development, Family and consumer sciences, and Agriculture natural resources departments, the program served 56 families with more than 150 young people. In Owen County, the Day Camp in a Bag was expanded to include gardening. Families received resources to set up the young people with the items they needed to plant their own Victory Gardens. The Nutrition Education Program Assistant provided on how to take care of the plants and dry the herbs. According to two Owen county youth participants, they enjoyed the chance to learn more about cooking. One youth particularly liked the enchilada recipe that was in one of the bags, because it was, "Quick and easy to make." Another participant reported that she enjoyed using the garden.



Siblings are pictured above working together to create a peach cobbler.

174

Number of individuals who reported preparing more healthy home-cooked meals

70

Number of youth who indicated they increased their daily number of servings of fruits and

Agriculture and Natural Resources



A participant is pictured above with their pallet garden.

173

Number of people who gained knowledge in consumer and home horticulture including: native plants, disease and pests, composting, site analysis, and proper maintenance

6

Number of growers who adopted techniques that extended the growing season

Horticulture

During the COVID-19 pandemic many Owen Countians took interest in trying to raise their own food like their ancestors did. The Owen County Ag Agent Kendal Bowman and NEP Assistant Mimi Quiroz partnered with the 2020 Victory Garden Campaign to teach local residents how to raise food in small areas. Bowman and Quiroz brainstormed and decided to teach a series on how to raise a pallet garden. Over 6 families participated. Their mission was to empower the participants with the skills and resources to raise food for their family next year.

The Owen County Extension Office provided the participants with a pallet lined with plastic, soils, and a frost canvas they can use season after season. The Extension Office also provided the participants with plants and seeds this first year. Bowman and Quiroz plans on making frequent house visits educating the participants on how to read a seed label, how to plant, and recipes for the crops.

Summer brings the warm weather and sunshine. But for many producers across Kentucky, especially Owen County it brings the plague of pinkeye in cattle. In May the Owen County Extension Office partnered with United Producers Inc (UPI) of Owenton to begin a brunch and learn series. The Owen County Ag Agent, Kendal Bowman, partnered with the UPI yard manager, Robert Green Jr., to address some timely monthly topics to educate local producers. In May to kick off the monthly Brunch and Learn they educated over 40 producers on preventive and treatment options for their herd. Many of the producers were engaged and had many questions. Several of the options they learned have increased their profits and improved their herd health.



Producers learn about the affects of pink eye in cattle and treatment options.

338

Number for people who gained information on beef nutrition, animal health, genetics, reproduction, and/ or facilities and equipment

37

Number of people who used the Extension Diagnostics Services to identify animal disease and/or insects

4-H Youth Development

The Owen County 4-H program was without a 4-H Agent for several months. The 4-H adult advisory council expressed the need to discuss and safely plan the 4-H Livestock Club Youth Investment Sale, during a pandemic. The Livestock Council also wanted the youth to be able to experience the sale of their animal to gain financial literacy skills; the video was used for the sale. The Owen County 4-H Livestock Club Youth Investment Sale had 26 buyers from Owen County or the surrounding area to participate virtually. In the past years, those youth that participated in the 4-H Country Ham project had the option to sell their ham in the investment sale and a silent auction was held for those participants. In total, the program had 15 youth participate whether it was a livestock/hams. Due to generous donations, we were able to raise almost \$18,000.00 that goes back to the 4-H Livestock Club in Owen County; to sustain the program for many years to go



Pictured above are the Owen County Livestock Club members with one of the buyers who contributed to each members sale.

17

Number of youth who demonstrated a skill that was learned or improved by participating in 4-H agriculture programming

35

Number of youth who completed a speech or demonstration

... 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.
- **3,898** Kentucky families who supplemented their diets with foods they grew or preserved.
- **4,161** Kentuckians participating in community trail projects.

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