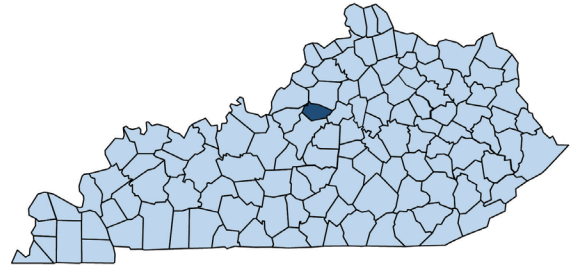


REPORT TO THE PEOPLE



Spencer County 2021



DID YOU KNOW... 150+ Spencer County youth and volunteers were recognized with a 19-20 virtual banquet.



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Agriculture and Natural Resources



Participants apply skills learned from training. Photo by Keith Weller. Photo courtesy of USDA ARS.

150

Number of people who improved use of personal protection equipment

40

Number of people who evaluated weather conditions before applying chemicals

Family and Consumer Sciences

Teenage pregnancy, babies born out of wedlock, and children born to low income families is more the reality than not and is no different for the residents of Spencer County. The Spencer County FCS, 4-H and Agriculture agents, with the FRYSC and the Health Department, planned the Spencer County Community Baby Shower. This program focuses on soon to be, or have a child up to 12 months, mothers and fathers from low income families and allows them to visit booths of people and organizations that provide key factors in raising children.

This was a drive through event held in the Extension Office's parking lot and had a booth handing out nutrition information, healthy recipes, SNAP education products, and answered questions on nurturing families and life skills. Organizations and many others donated an In-Kind amount of \$6,500 and each family was provided with more than \$750 worth of items for a newborn.

Each fall, the Spencer County Cooperative Extension Service hosts a meeting for commercial pesticide applicators to help them receive Continuing Education Units so that they can keep their licenses from year to year. With COVID 19 disrupting in-person meetings, the Agriculture and Natural Resources agent started planning a ZOOM meeting for the applicators in July and the meeting was held in November.

There was an excellent turnout as a total of 291 participated on this ZOOM meeting, representing 62 of Kentucky's counties and included out of state participants from Arkansas and Wisconsin. A follow up survey showed the economic value of the participants to not have to pay a registration fee and to pay travel for the employees to attend trainings that could be many miles away from their work location. A total of \$19,405 saved was given by those responding.



Community Member Participation

24

Number of individuals (parents, caregivers, grandparent, or relative) reporting improved personal knowledge

24

Number of individuals who sought support from local community organizations and/or its individual members

Community Economic Development



Luke Jeffers was presented the Jim Naive Memorial Award at the Beef Show by Minnie Naive and Miss Teen Miranda Webb.

15 Number of those who take time to recruit and engage people to undertake community projects

15 Number of youth who served as direct mentors to one or more younger youth

4-H Youth Development

Virtual meetings were a success for Spencer County 4-H because of 7 Club Leaders, 16 Coaches, and staff. The programs grew with the addition of a Horse Leader and 5 Shooting Sports Coaches. The Cooking, S.E.T., Livestock, and Horse Clubs hosted meetings through zoom.

The Cloverbud Club had 50 participants and 24 youth each month, including 21 new youth this year. Kits were given to youth for SET Club and Cloverbuds. Cooking Club and Horse Club gave binders prior to the first meetings. The Shooting Sports Club participated using guidance and had a virtual state shoot. For 2021, membership drive was via zoom, Safety Briefings for both Archery and Rifle/Trap were in person spaced outside. The 4-H Country Ham project successfully showcased hams away from the fair and essays were written instead of traditional speeches. Even with the changes, Spencer County 4-H found a way to advance programs and add new members and volunteers!

The Extension Office with the Spencer Co. Fair Board held 13 events at the 2020 Fair. The Exhibit Hall was held at the Extension Office, all exhibits were entered and judged in a socially distanced atmosphere. There were a total of 110 exhibits (42 4-H) entered. Before the exhibit hall took place, agents held Facebook Lives to encourage local youth to participate in the county fair. Five 4-H members submitted pictures of 12 projects and were highlighted on the Kentucky 4-H Facebook for the Kentucky 4-H Showcase during the State Fair.

For the Livestock Shows, all exhibitors were socially distanced and wore masks when necessary. There were a total of 121 entries in all of the Shows because of the dedicated livestock leaders, the Spencer County Fair Board, and 4-H Agent all working together. It was important for the local community to know that traditional events were able to go on even during these different times.



A Cloverbud and Teen Leader enjoy the monthly virtual meetings.

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

15 Number of youth who served as group leaders or officers

NOTHING IS OUT OF REACH.



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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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