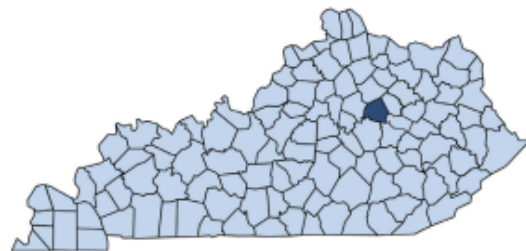




Clark County Extension Office

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment



Report to the People 2022



The Clark County Cooperative Extension Service provides practical education from Land Grant Universities that you can trust to help our community and local businesses solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future.

Extension Office Usage July 2022-April 2023

88 outside group meetings

262 Extension meetings

1,103 outside group attendees

4,529 Extension group attendees



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Agriculture & Natural Resources

Clark County's Agriculture and Natural Resource programs provide education in agricultural production and environmental stewardship. ANR offers farm consultation and visits, soil testing, forage sampling, and much more to residents of Clark county. Educational programs will range for forage establishment, livestock stewardship, farm start, wildlife habitat improvement, and much more.



Youth Hook & Cook Filet Demo



Teaching Casting at Extension Fall Fest



Agventures Dairy Demonstration

- **Winter School**

Winter School is the opportunity for anyone in Clark County to learn about interesting agricultural topics such as fencing laws, beef minerals, local beef diseases, water management for farm structures, agricultural drones, heavy-use feeding pads, pest management, and perennial vegetables. Winter school consisted of 3 nights hosting over 240 participants total.

- **Hook and Cook**

Offered two classes; one for adults and one for youth. Adults and youth learned the basics of fishing, processing fish, cooking fish, and fishing necessities. Sixteen youth and twelve adults attended the classes, and the youth participants were able to go home with their own fishing poles and starter tackle boxes. The Clark County Extension Office was able to partner with over six other agencies to hold the classes.

- **Extension Fall Fest**

This was an open house for the public to learn about the Clark County Extension Office and the services offered. ANR offered a stop that taught youth how to cast a fishing pole. While here, over 150 kids stopped to play a backyard fishing game and learn to the basics of casting

- **Farm Bureau Agventures**

The Clark County Extension Office was given the opportunity to assist the Clark County Farm Bureau in teaching the public about agriculture in Clark County. ANR was able to teach over 200 kids how to milk a dairy cow while the other agents taught about dairy nutrition, how to make butter, and create their own grass dairy cow.

- **Extension Beef Field Day**

At the 2022, Clark County Extension's Beef Field day focused on the benefits of Radio Frequency Tagging (RFID), equipment for needed for RFID, and how to incorporate that technology into their operations. Clark County Extension partnered with the Clark County Farm Bureau, Clark County Cattlemens, Bluegrass Stockyards, and University of Kentucky Extension Specialist to host over 45 cattlemen from the county.

- **Pumpkin Days**

Clark County ANR along with the other Clark County Extension Agents help host Pumpkin Days for the kindergarten class at Strode Station Elementary. Over 100 kindergarten students were taught by the ANR agent about the parts of the pumpkins and participants were able to try pumpkin seeds while other agents taught about how to raise pumpkins, play pumpkin games, and learn the nutritional benefits of pumpkins.

Family & Consumer Sciences

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension improves the quality of individual and family life through education, research, and outreach. FCS focuses on the following seven initiatives: Making Healthy Lifestyle Choices, Nurturing Families, Embracing Life as You Age, Securing Financial Stability, Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities, Accessing Nutritious Food, and Empowering Community Leaders.

- **Super Star Chef**

Super Star Chef is a three-day hand-on cooking and nutrition program designed to empower youth with basic cooking and kitchen skills to be able to make healthy choices.

- **Food Preservation Workshop**

15 adults participated in the food preservation workshop where they learned research-based methods for preserving produce using various methods (water bath, pressure canning, dehydrating, and freezing).

- **Farmer's Market Programming**

Participated in various programs (Kids Day, Veggie Fest, Senior Farmer's Market Voucher distribution, Plate It Up Kentucky Proud recipes distribution) to promote local food access and increase in fresh produce consumption in Clark County.

- **Recipes for Life**

Recipes for Life is a hands-on educational experience for fifth grade students that teaches nutrition, food preparation, and life skills. This year, 341 fifth graders participated in this program.

- **Laugh and Learn Playdate Programs**

Monthly learning program targeting school readiness objectives for 2-5 year olds. Programs are held in collaboration with elementary FRYSCs and the public library.

- **Truth and Consequences Program**

Over 450 9th graders participated in the Truth and Consequences program where students are given scenarios depicted real-life situations involving substance use.

- **Clark County Homemaker Clubs**

Clark County Homemakers is a volunteer organization that works to improve the quality of life for families/communities through leadership development, volunteer service, and education. FCS serves as advisor to 12 traditional homemaker clubs and 3 specialty clubs.

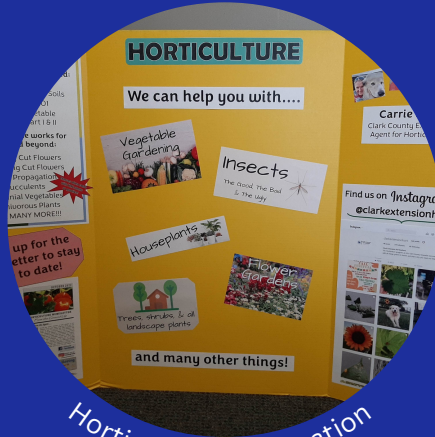


Horticulture

The Clark County Extension Office Horticulture program provides educational training and technical assistance to our community. Our technical services include soil testing, disease diagnosis, and plant, weed, and insect identification. Cooperative Extension is the major provider of research-based information for consumers and horticulture businesses.



University of Kentucky
Farmer's Market Opening Day



Horticulture Information



Fall Festival Bulb Giveaway with Master Gardeners

- **Community Assistance**

Extension Horticulture supported citizens of the community with different horticultural needs through 27 plant disease diagnoses, 17 plant identifications, over 50 soil samples, and more than 35 site visits.

- **Community Support**

Education, guidance, and other various forms of support were provided to the community through many avenues including monthly newsletters, articles in The Winchester Sun, school garden groups, senior center garden groups, community parks, Habitat for Humanity, Clark/Powell Beekeeper's Association, and FFA Alumni.

- **4-H Horticulture Club**

14 youth ranging from 9 to 15 years of age meet monthly to learn about various horticulture topics through hands on activities and experiences.

- **Extension Fall Fest**

Over 3,600 flower bulbs were handed out to more than 500 citizens along with the education of how to properly plant fall flowering bulbs at this multi program area event. Citizens also had a chance to ask questions of experienced Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.

- **Farmers Market program and events**

Over 300 citizens learned from and interacted with Extension through Farmer's Market events like Veggiefest, Kid's Day, Senior's Day, and Opening Day. Extension Horticulture also supported the more than 35 growers/vendors who sold at the local farmer's market.

- **Educational Programs**

More than 230 citizens have attended free educational classes to learn things like vegetable gardening for beginners, proper houseplant maintenance, and growing cut flowers. Gaining skills in these and other gardening areas can benefit individuals in many ways like an increase in food supply, mental health benefits, along with providing support to our pollinator populations in urban areas.

4-H Youth Development



4-H Youth Development programs focus on providing opportunities for youth to experience belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity to build leaders with marketable skills in today's society. 4-H focuses on the following seven core content areas: Agriculture, Healthy Living, Family & Consumer Science, Communications, Natural Resources, Leadership, & Science, Engineering & Technology.



Baking Camp



4-H Shooting Sports Competition



4-H Agriculture Days



4-H Teen Council Thanksgiving

- **4-H School Clubs**

Each month of the school year we visit 32 3rd and 4th grade classrooms to do an educational 4-H lesson on our core content areas.

- **Teen Leadership Programs**

26 teens participate in leadership opportunities that include teen council meetings, retreats, service projects and workshops.

- **Baking Camp**

10 youth participated in a 3 day baking series where they learned how to bake bread, cookies and cakes.

- **4-H Agriculture Days**

All 3rd and 4th graders (nearly 800 students) attended the 4-H Agriculture Days at Gilkison Farm where students learned about beef, swine, food preservation, drone, soybeans, corn, farm equipment, dairy, farm chores, horse, goats, swine, poultry, sheep, bees and horticulture.

- **4-H Environmental Camp**

Over 100 youth from both public and private schools in Clark County attended overnight camps and participated in environmental educational lessons

- **Capitol Experience**

13 youth attended Capitol Experience in Frankfort where they learned about the legislation process, met with officials and toured the Capitol.

- **Environmental Education Experiences**

2 youth attended an out of state trip to Jekyll Island, GA to learn more about the environment. 5 Clark County youth participated in the Natural Resource and Environmental Sciences Academy focusing on environmental education.

- **Reality Store**

Nearly 470 8th grade students at Robert D. Campbell School participated in this hands-on, real-life simulation activity that gives 8th graders the opportunity to make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those that will be faced as an adult.

- **Dollars and Sense**

Approximately 400 6th graders at Baker Intermediate participated in the Dollars and Sense Program that teaches about needs versus wants as well as making good financial decisions.

- **4-H Shooting Sports**

The Shooting Sports program includes nearly 100 Clark County youth and of those 19 participated in the State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition with several placing high in their disciplines

- **Day Camps**

Over 50 youth have participated in day camps that include a babysitting clinic, cross-stitch camp, baking day camp, crafting day camps and more.

- **4-H Clubs**

There are over 16 4-H clubs that meet monthly with over 280 youth participants and 40 volunteer leaders.