## Horse College

### Logic Model

#### Inputs

**What we invest**
- Extension Agents and Specialists
- Equine professionals
- Extension Publications
- Money and other resources from Extension and participants
- Support from local equine related businesses and organizations
- Equipment
- Facilities

#### Outputs

**Who we Do**
A series of five multi-county events with enrollment of up to 30 individuals per “class”. Events will be conducted in various fashions utilizing distance learning, classroom settings and environments suitable for “hands-on” instruction related to: forages, weeds, foot care, nutrition, parasites, vaccination, handling horses, transporting horses, horse selection and breeding.

**What we Reach**
Program and materials will be applicable to youth and adults with limited or extensive horse experience. Horse ownership is not required.

#### Outcomes – Impact

**Short Term**
Increase knowledge in the areas of:
- Basic Feeding
- Nutrition
- Pasture/Forage Management
- Basic Equine Selection/Confirmation
- Hoof Care
- Health Care Facilities
- Tack and equipment
- Reproduction and Breeding

**Medium Term**
As a result of involvement in this program participants will:
- Improve pastures through the reduction of tall fescue, addition of legumes, reduction of weeds and toxic plants,
- Improve nutrition by feeding better balanced rations,
- Begin or improve a health care/vaccination program,
- Make more informed decisions through the use of appropriate criteria when acquiring a horse,
- Transport horses in a safer manner,
- Acquire and properly use better quality and appropriate tack and equipment.

**Long Term**
A strong equine industry in Kentucky dedicated to high quality horses available to individuals and families with interest and resources.

#### Situation

The per annum impact of the horse industry to the gross domestic product of the United States is approximately $112.1 billion. Kentucky has an increasing interest in horse ownership. As farms are divided, there are more rural families with small acreages that are starting to raise horses for pleasure, training and sales. Also spurring on this interest is an increasing availability of trails and camps through the Forest Service, National Parks Service, private lands and the formation of Horsemans clubs throughout the Commonwealth. Kentucky has an excellent 4-H Horse program but there is a need for education about horses among youth, those interested in purchasing as or caring for horses with limited knowledge and for more seasoned horseowners.

#### Assumptions

Horse owners and prospective horse owners will commit to multiple sessions in order to gain knowledge and will have the interest and resources to travel to and participate in this series of lessons. The horse industry will continue to be stable, but identified needs will change with changing economic times. This program will continue to evolve with the audience and economic situation.

#### External Factors

Time, weather, economic conditions, university and local budgets, available resources for travel, local interest by clientele and Extension personnel.