



DID YOU KNOW... The World Peace Bell, located in Newport, is the world's largest free swinging bell.





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4-H Youth Development



Emily Kirst, St. Catherine of Siena 6th grader, presenting her 4-H Demonstration - Homemade Ice Cream.



Youth who practiced financial decision-making skills as a result of what they learned in 4-H.

Youth who participated in day or overnight, 4-H non-environmental camps at your office, 4-H camp facility, or other location.

The 4-H program has a tradition of champion communicators. Many students have excelled in multiple levels of competition in speeches and demonstrations. Partnering with the local schools, 4-H assists the students in developing their speeches and demonstrations for local, district, and state events. Besides honing the public speaking skills, the student's self-confidence increases, and they learn to accept feedback. Some presentations occurred in person; students received real time feedback. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, virtual competitions occurred. The students recorded and sent the presentations to the 4-H agent for feedback. Materials were also provided that focused on presenting a speech and demonstration virtually. Fifteen students competed in the county finals and eight advanced to district. Seven students competed at the state event held during the summer. Topics included My Grandpa's Childhood, Homemade Ice Cream, and Pogo Sticking.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

The Extension Service and Conservation District recently convened to address the issue of the emerging need for composting options. We received a \$3500 grant from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management to develop a composting education and implementation program. We purchased 200 compost bins and provided them to households at four educational events that were held in the fall 2020. 71% of participants were first-time extension users and 95% live in the highly urban Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky metro area. Surveys indicated the average household diverted 112 lbs. of food waste and 36 gal. of yard waste from the landfill by composting since fall 2020. The average household made 28 gal. of compost and used it as a soil amendment / fertilizer. Additional events were held in 2021. Another 200 households received compost bins. The Division of Waste Management awarded \$7000 in the summer for more events in 2021-2022.



A resident of Southgate, using the compost bin he received through the composting education program.

16 Individuals who made informed decisions that affect water quality.

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Individuals who completed soil tests as needed.

Nutrition Education



Extension Service Nutrition Assistant, Melissa Pilcher, supervises a youth program participant as they learn basic knife skills.



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Number of individuals who reported improved knowledge, opinions, skills, or aspirations regarding the safe storage, handling, preparation and/or preservation of food.

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

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, 52 Campbell County families completed the Healthy Choices for Every Body nutrition education 7-part series with 96% demonstrating an improvement in their diet quality according to data from a national reporting system. Because of the pandemic, virtual classes were conducted with several community partners and a Facebook page was created to share nutrition resources.

Contact Melissa at 859-586-6101 for information on our FREE series available in-person and over the web.

Horticulture

Teaching youth living in our urban communities about traditional agriculture, the science of where our food comes from, and basic cooking skills is one of the core goals of the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service. 4-H youth development agent, agriculture agent, horticulture agent, and nutrition education assistant teamed together to host a 4 day program for 15 youth from Newport Brighton Center.

Youth enjoyed a day in the life of a farmer on horse and cattle farms, created a Lego robotic pollinator, learned from a bee keeper about the importance of bees and our environment, explored in the Lakeside Commons Educational Gardens, and tried new foods including fresh fruits and vegetables and used fresh honey from our beekeeper in a Plate it Up recipe.



YLD participants constructing a Lego pollinator.

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Number of participants engaged in home and consumer horticulture programming

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Number of residents reporting an increase in accessing fresh, local foods.

Community Economic Development

Fall 2021, Campbell County Cooperative Extension hosted our annual Community Celebration. All extension programs including Kentucky State University participated along with a few community collaborators such as: SD1, NKY Beekeepers Association, Ft. Thomas branch library and NKY Dulcimers all showcased programs and resources for over 200 participants. Individuals and families enjoyed the fall weather walking in the educational garden from exhibit to exhibit to gather knowledge and new resources from extension.

Overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic, extension continues to collaborate with agencies state wide to continue to implement extension resources into programming. Times are different, but new opportunities have been given to extension to continue being a resource throughout all 120 Kentucky counties.



Master Gardener Volunteers working along extension staff engaging with participants about monarch butterflies.



Number of those currently serving in a leadership role.

10 Number of businesses reached through Extension programming.

... 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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