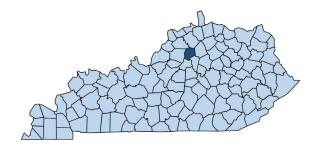
REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

Franklin County 2021



DID YOU KNOW... Franklin County had 22 youth to submit entries in the Country Ham Project at the Kentucky State Fair





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Agriculture and Natural Resources



Local beef producers find a new way to communicate.

133

Number of people who collected soil samples for testing

40

Number of acres of hemp impacted by Extension programming, resources and/or consulting

A Franklin County Cattlemen's board member and his wife were interested in creating a Facebook page for the association. They wanted a way to share information about meetings and educational opportunities as well as a way for members to post about lost or found animals. With the Franklin County ANR agent they created a prototype site. The agent forwarded workshops, trainings and announcements for posting to the site. Within two months there were 50 members.

The site functioned as intended with no unwanted activity. After a few months on-line the Board was asked to officially adopt it, which they did unanimously. The Association now has a presence on social media to share chapter and state news and events as well as Extension educational opportunities. The Extension Office Staff Assistants are administrators now and can post and monitor to the site for the Cattlemen's Association. There are currently 61 members in the group that receive updates and timely

Family and Consumer Sciences

The Franklin Co. Cooperative Extension Service partnered with Frankfort's Focus on Race Relations (FORR) to hold community dialogues on racism. A diverse group of 45 local citizens registered for the Community Dialogue Series. The six sessions (Making Connections, Our Ethnic Backgrounds & Racism, Our Unequal Nation, Why Do Inequities Exist?, Looking at Our Community, and Moving to Action) encouraged participants to respectfully express opinions, biases, prejudices, and to value a diverse community.

The information shared with participants increased understanding of how racism affects communities and quality of life and its role in our national history. The short-term goal is to build relationships, and to review national, state, and local data in order to determine if the community is making progress in a variety of areas. The long-term goals are to build a community where everyone in Franklin Co. is welcome and able to thrive.



Embracing community dialogues on race.



Number of Extension empowered individuals engaged in coalitions or organizations to address a significant community issue



Number of individuals who reported increased knowledge, skills, or intentions related to using the nutrition facts label

Horticulture



CAEMG volunteer delivers plant orders during their 2021 Online Plant Market.

35

Number of producers/vendors who increased or maintained sales and/or reduced risk when selling food or food products



Number of Master Gardener hours completed in county

In order to supply affordable plants to the community, the Capital Area Extension Master Gardeners have held an annual plant sale for over 12 years. The Covid-19 pandemic has led to an explosion of homeowners that started gardening and made this effort especially important. This sale not only provides county residents access to affordable plants, but also raises funds for their outreach activities and two academic scholarships for students studying horticulture degrees.

The Capital Area Extension Master Gardeners worked closely with the Franklin County Extension staff to successfully organize a virtual plant market. The creation of this contact-free method was a way of getting plants during a time when there was a uncertainty about the food supply and a great renewed interest in gardening. The Association was able to sell over a 1,500 plants and generated over \$1,900 net revenue.

4-H Youth Development

The beginning of the 2020 school year, Franklin County and Frankfort Independent Schools conducted classes virtually. With the stress of returning to school virtually and having limited access to WiFi and adult guidance, the need for a virtual learning assistance program (VLAP) became apparent. The Franklin County 4-H program began the VLAP in collaboration with Kathy's Place, which is associated with the Capital Mobile Home Park.

The program was offered to students residing at the mobile home park. They came to the Extension Office three days each week for virtual learning and received assistance with schoolwork. The School Board loaned hotspots and headphones for students who participated. From August to December, an average of 12 students, grades 1st through 9th participated. At the end of the program, nearly 90% of participants agreed that "the program helped me to concentrate better and receiving help with my work was helpful."



Extension office provides Internet access to aid in student's virtual learning.



Number of youth who indicated they are interested in learning more about science, engineering, or technology projects (KOSA)



The number of youth who participated in overnight, 4-H summer camp(s)

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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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