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Diverse, Experienced and Well Trained Staff

The staff of the University of Missouri Extension Office in McDonald County is diverse, representing a variety of backgrounds, experiences and educational levels. Staff members have owned their own businesses, worked for other educational institutions, worked in the public and private sector and collectively have almost forty years of work experience with University of Missouri Extension.
Dear County Commissioners and Associated Friends of MU Extension:

As we enter 2014, we at University of Missouri Extension celebrate our 100-year partnership with you, with the State of Missouri and with the federal government. Through the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, the Cooperative Extension Service was established to provide practical application of research knowledge “to persons not attending or resident in said colleges in the several communities.” Over the years, the mission to bring you relevant, reliable and responsive education to improve lives and local economies remains the same. Yet, we also have changed to help you meet emerging issues and to take advantage of emerging opportunities.

Every day, MU Extension helps create value for citizens. For example:

Throughout the state, MU Extension provides information to help address issues and opportunities related to Missouri’s economic infrastructure, public services, economic development, jobs and educational access. Counseling more than 3,000 business clients in FY12 resulted in 9,328 new jobs, sales increases of $188 million, $213 million in new business financing, and government contracts of more than $195 million.

Our state and nation are in need of workers who are highly proficient in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Research has shown that 4-H members develop an increased interest in science three times higher than their non-peers. Both non-traditional activities, such as robotics, and more traditional activities, such as livestock judging and food preparation, are doorways to science-related careers.

Livestock production accounts for about 53 percent of the state’s agricultural receipts. MU Extension’s Tier Two Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer Program, which improves reproductive efficiency of beef herds, has garnered producers $237 to $357 per heifer, depending on breeding protocol followed. Statewide economic impact of the program has exceeded $65 million.

These are just three examples of MU Extension’s impact – made possible through your support of MU Extension in your community. I look forward to our continuing partnership, and as always, your ideas for improving our partnership are welcome.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Ouart

Vice Provost and Director

University of Missouri, Lincoln University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Local Extension Councils Co-operating

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/ADA INSTITUTIONS
4-H Youth Development

1,572 youths building life skills, engaging in science and connecting to community.

31% of McDonald County residents between the ages of 5 and 18 participated in a Missouri 4-H program in 2013

Valued community leadership and service
Community service is integral to positive youth development programs. Missouri young people who are 4-H participants report significantly more leadership experiences and higher scores on internalizing the value of service that their non-4-H peers.

1,478 McDonald County school children participated in 4-H programs

Three county 4-H school enrichment programs are short-term educational experiences that supplement learning in the classroom. Most are led by teachers or 4-H volunteers. The most popular 4-H school program in McDonald County is Embryology, the study of hatching eggs. 1077 Students participated in this program. Simmons Hatchery continues to sponsor the Embryology project through donation of incubated eggs. In addition we offer Robotics in-school and the Elk River Watershed Festival serves all 5th grade youth, 304 in number for 2013.

94 4-H participants in 5 organized community clubs

Five county 4-H clubs offer long-term educational experiences in which members learn life skills such as decision making, public speaking and working with others. Members learn by doing under the guidance of adult volunteers, who teach projects ranging from aerospace and arts to veterinary science and sport fishing. Clubs also involve children and teens in community service, camping and educational trips.

105 youth and adult volunteers donated time valued at $196,350

Volunteers create, support and are a valuable part of the 4-H community. Missouri 4-H volunteers responding to a survey reported they contribute on average 100 hours per year. Valuing their time at $19.75 per hour, based on average Missouri incomes, the contribution of McDonald county 4-H volunteers was worth more than $207,375 in 2013! More importantly, these adults serve as mentors for our youth which is priceless.
Members in the 4-H clothing project compete at Fashion Revue.

4-Hers on their way to Missouri State 4-H congress. 5 delegates from McDonald County attended this year.
Agriculture and Small Family Farms

The agriculture program provides unbiased, research information and makes recommendations that will help individuals, groups and agribusiness firms apply this knowledge. Academic support for this program comes from the MU College of Agriculture, in cooperation with Lincoln University, as well as county, state and federal governments.

Agriculture in McDonald County: McDonald County is a forage, beef, and poultry producing county. Most of the farm income is from poultry and beef. **McDonald County is ranked seventh in livestock and poultry receipts. The market value of agriculture products sold was $110,906,000.**

**Impact in 2013**

**Personalized Assistance:** In 2013, McDonald County Extension Center received over 1000 individual contacts on agriculture concerns. These requests were handled through phone calls, farm visits, office visits, mail or e-mails. The inquiry topics included: soil testing, farm leases, pesticide use, training and recommendations, pasture management and renovation, weed, insect, and disease identification, livestock nutrition, forage selection, record keeping and Japanese beetle control.

**Grazing School:** A three-day Grazing school was held for area farmers. Producers learned the relationship between soil, plant, and livestock, and how different management techniques effect these relationships. The **twenty-one farmers attending** are qualified for DSP-3 and EQIP cost-share practice with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). “**McDonald County farmers who attended the grazing school used over $60,000.00 in cost share monies to improve the environment by reducing soil erosion and improving water quality.**” Due to the drought of 2012, $569,484.28 was paid out for water wells to farms in the county.

**News Releases**

**Ag News and Views Newsletter** provides producers with pertinent livestock, crop and forage production information. The newsletter is shared in 5 counties and is **distributed to 325 farmers** in McDonald County. More detailed information is distributed to the producer via guide sheets, programs, and personal farm visits by the specialist.

**From the Extension Office** provides McDonald County producers and gardeners with weekly agriculture/horticulture news articles that is published in the McDonald County Press. This newspaper is **distributed to 1000 households per week.**

**This Southwest Regional News Service Agency** accepts stories from extension specialists from Missouri. I had 8 articles published in 2013.
Private Pesticide Applicator Training: Missouri law requires agricultural producers to attend training to certify or recertify to buy and use restricted use pesticides. The license is effective for five years and user and purchaser must take training to recertify. Private pesticide applicator training was offered at Anderson, Neosho, Crowder College and Pineville. Approximately one hundred ten participants received training to obtain their private restricted use license for purchasing pesticides this year.

Spotted Knapweed Control: Spotted knapweed was first identified in McDonald County in 2006. It has spread rapidly in the southern half of the county, especially along the right-of-ways in 2007 and 2008. Extension efforts toward control included information sheets to landowners, news articles and photos for the public, and working with MDOT to GPS – locate infestations, and in 2009 root borer and flower head weevils were released as biological controls.

Soil, Forage, Nitrate and Manure Analysis and Insect Traps: The McDonald County Extension Office serves the public with manure and plant analysis, and forage and soil testing. A total of Eighty nine (89) Field Crop soil samples, forty six (46) Lawn and Garden samples, two (2) Poultry litter samples and two (2) hay test were submitted and analyzed through the University of Missouri testing facilities. With the ever increasing price of fertilizers, farmers need information based on unbiased soil fertility recommendations that are provided by the University of Missouri Extension. Producers are provided with the lime, fertilizer and cropping recommendations to improve their crops and build the soil. Additionally, insects are trapped that could cause damage to crops. Trap counts are then posted on the universities IPM Pest Monitoring Network. Producers can receive pest alerts when trap counts reach high levels.

Forage Conference—“The Drought Aftermath”
Over 70 producers attended a forage conference “the drought aftermath” last February at Crowder College. The program emphasized forages, weed control, and forage testing. Jon Person, Dow AgroSciences will be presenting Dow Chemical weed control programs. The University of MO Extension emphasized Spring Seeding and Weed Control Options by Tim Schnakenberg, University of Missouri Extension Agronomist, Hay Testing by John Hobbs, University of Missouri Extension Ag and Rural Development, David Lawson and Lucas Thogmartin, Custom Pasture Applicators presented liquid fertilizer options with herbicides for pastures.

New and Beginning Latino Farmer Workshops
I participated in three Latino farmer workshops this year with 22 Latino farmers participating. The purpose of the workshops is to enhance the farm viability of new and beginning Latino farmers in Missouri and Nebraska. I used a translator program and translated our Master Gardener brochure and the Regional Grazing School at Crowder into Spanish. I also used swine and poultry production manual (Spanish Version) from ATTRA in the program. In the second meeting we discussed weed control. Why do we identify weeds? Weed control is very important in pastures and the first step in weed control is weed ID. I worked with the Latino farmers on a Purdy MO farm to ID common weeds and discussed mechanical and chemical control of weeds. At the third meeting, I discussed with the Latino farmers that profitable ruminant livestock production depends on the production of high-quality forages. High yields can only be obtained from a dense, vigorous stand of an adapted forage species. The first step in obtaining such a stand is establishment. I discussed with the Latino farmers the various annual and perennial forages species available.
2013 Southwest Missouri Sheep and Goat Conference

Eighty-one producers attended the 2013 Sheep and Goat Conference held in Anderson on March 23rd. The program was sponsored by Lincoln University and the University of Missouri Extension. Evaluations of attendees at the conferences showed the gain in knowledge of topics from presentations was about double, based on a scale of 0 to 100, generally going from 40-50 before the talks and increasing to 70-80 after discussions were held. Two surveys of producers (n=114) indicated that 98-100% learned something at the meetings and 89-93% planned to change an existing management practice as a result of the meeting. Typically, 15-24% attended the prior year’s meeting (which is puzzling but consistent and needs to increase, we may need to vary topics more); of these, 75-89% had made management changes as a result of attending the meeting in the previous year. Long-term, these educational programs seem to be improving knowledge of management practices for small ruminants since base scores increase slightly each year, which will lead to improved management of sheep and goats plus greater personal satisfaction and finances for personnel in the small ruminant industry.
Sheep and Goats on Small Acreges Field Day
We had an excellent field day with mostly minority attendees. Our target audience was well served with 15 attending. John Hobbs, Ag and Rural Development Specialist University of Missouri Extension, Jodie Pennington, Small Ruminant Specialist Lincoln University and Nathan Witt, Natural Resource Conservation Service were the presenters.
Information and instruction was given on getting started with sheep and goats, fencing for the animals, and forages for the animals including to be aware of poisonous plants.
Some quotes of attendees, “worth the trip from Kansas City, very beneficial information, planning information that is not available other places, we plan to get goats or sheep later, very informative speakers”.
“Gave us what we needed to know about getting started with small ruminants”.
All attendees indicated that they learned something at the field day.

McDonald County 2013 Livestock Report by: Eldon Cole
2013 started out pretty rough for beef producers in McDonald County as they struggled with limited forages due to the 2012 drought. High priced concentrate supplements compounded the problem.
On the bright side, feeder cattle prices ended up at record highs in 2013 and it rained. These factors resulted in an improved outlook going into 2014 with beef cow-calf owners looking forward to a few profitable years ahead.
McDonald County had three persons buy a total of 32 head of Show-Me-Select Bred Heifers during the year. They were Booth Farms, Goodman, Robert Stauber, Noel and Chris Narron, Rocky Comfort.
Gary Goostree, Rocky Comfort had 4 bulls examined at the Bull Breeding Soundness Clinic at Cassville. These BSE Clinics serve as a reminder to cow-calf raisers of the need to have your bulls checked a month or more before bull turnout times. Normally the charge is a reduced one, plus the vaccines and dewormer are at a lower cost. We usually find around 10% of the bulls to be unsatisfactory.
A monthly Beef Newsletter is now sent to a number of McDonald county farmers and news releases are sent to local papers, magazines, radio stations with beef management tips. One-on-one contacts are handled by email, phone, office calls and farm visits.
Southwest Missouri including McDonald County has a great blend of commercial and home horticulture. There are many commercial fruit and vegetable growers, greenhouse producers, and other businesses associated with the “green industry”. This includes nurseries and lawn/landscape businesses. Southwest Missouri producers traditionally have had a great impact on the horticulture industry. Due to the demand for horticulture goods and services, there is also a strong demand for horticultural education and programming. To help address the general horticulture and gardening needs of the public, Master Gardener programs are available throughout Southwest Missouri through local county extension centers. Master Gardeners are trained volunteers by the University of Missouri who then assist with organized horticulture education programs for the gardening public.

**Impact in 2013**

**Master Gardener program provided over 2772 hours of volunteer service in 2013 to county projects with a dollar value of $54,747.”**

**Master Gardener Total Impact**
The Hill ‘n’ Hollow Master Gardeners had another outstanding year in 2013. The activities of Master Gardeners in this area were coordinated by John Hobbs. A total of 2772 hours were reported in 2013 by forty-five area Master Gardeners who served the entire year and reported. They reported making over 1200 contacts in the community last year. The first-year Master Gardeners are required to provide 30 hours of service and seasoned Master Gardeners are only required to provide 20 hours. This year the Master Gardeners each averaged 30 hours of service. According to the latest figures from the Independent Sector organization, the hourly wage value for Missouri volunteer hours currently is $19.75. If you put a value on the education and service hours provided to the community, the value totals $54,747.

**Hill ‘n’ Hollow Master Gardener Club:** The work provided by the Hill ‘n’ Holler Master Gardeners Chapter, which consists of graduates of the Newton-McDonald County Master Gardener Program are listed below.

- McDonald County members of the club have maintained a landscaping project around the old historic courthouse in Pineville. This multi-year project emphasizes native plants.
- Members provided educational displays and presentations at the Carver Days and Prairie Days at the GW Carver National Monument.
- Members held a plant sale as a club fundraising.
- Members developed Master Gardener displays at McDonald/Newton County Fairs.
- Members established plantings @ the National Fish Hatchery.
- Members maintain a butterfly garden at Morse Park.
- Members provided a scholarship to a Crowder student.
- Established a butterfly garden at the Pineville Green.
- Established a native flower garden at the Newton County Extension Center.
- Establish and maintain, the McDonald County Fair sign flowerbed, Welcome to Anderson flowerbed and the flower bed at Town Hole in Anderson.
Master Gardener Impact - Continued

ANNUAL PLANT SALE, SEEDLINGS ARE STARTED BY THE CLUB AND THEN SOLD FOR PLANTING. Over $1400.00 was raised for future projects.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The purpose of the environmental program is to provide information and advice on environmental issues and to provide public education from various environmental agencies and the MU extension.

Impact in 2013

Elk River Watershed Partnership
Drew Holt with the Elk River Watershed Improvement Association presented a proposal to the McDonald Co Extension Council by acknowledging the denial of the 319 Grant application to Department of Natural Resources opened up an opportunity to create a new partnership with McDonald County Extension. The current Elk River Watershed Improvement Association will dissolve in soon due to lack of support from DNR. He suggested using the Ohio Model as a pattern to develop a standing committee within the Extension Council. The committee would have oversight of water quality projects, a website, and news media and of course education materials already developed. This proposal would sever the attachments to the legal link of the TMDL regulations that establish daily averages allowed in local rivers and streams. There are currently five USGS stream gauges in McDonald County that are funded for one more year. Under this arrangement there would be no legal ramifications held against the members of the new standing committee members, which the desire will be for former members of ERWIA to jump on board with the ERWP.

The partnership would continue with the School Water Awareness program in the spring and the landowners’ education programming in the fall. The McDonald County Extension Council agreed that this was a good addition to the extension programming and voted to put ERWP under the umbrella of McDonald County Extension Services with oversight by the McDonald County Extension Council. The ERWS Partnership Standing Committee will provide ongoing reports to the council as the main stakeholders regarding programming and water quality.

Elk River Watershed Improvement Association Annual Meeting
John Hobbs discussed and presented a power point on Fescue Renovation with Novel Endophyte Fescues. Fescue has long been blamed for causing a variety of problems in livestock. Heat stress, lameness, lack of milk and poor reproduction are the main problems sometimes related to toxins that are produced by the plant. For years the problems were known by farmers and researchers, but the reason fescue caused such damaging problems remained a mystery. Thanks to sound research efforts, the mystery was solved to a certain extent, with the discovery of an endophyte that resides within many fescue plants. The endophyte fungus gives the plant beneficial properties such as disease, insect and drought tolerance. Unfortunately, certain endophytes produce ergot alkaloids that cause more serious side-effects under certain conditions. Researchers have found there are endophytes that give the plant protection without the damaging effects mentioned earlier. These endophytes are referred to as novel or friendly endophytes and have now been introduced into several varieties of fescue. Producers were given names of new endopyte friendly fescues available to purchase.

Stream cleanup event - October 12, 2013
Six volunteers and five canoes participated in the event beginning at Big Elk Camp & Canoe in Pineville. A large amount of trash, including tires, plastic, bottles, cans and metal was removed from the banks of the Elk River from Pineville to mile marker number 3. Greater public participation would have occurred, but many local volunteers responded to requests for volunteers that they had prior commitments involving Octoberfest in Pineville.
University of Missouri Extension Family Nutrition Education Programs (FNEP) reached 8,929 low-income participants with nutrition education in McDonald County during 2013. FNEP provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activity for lifelong health and fitness. Nutrition education for youth provides information in kid-friendly terms and lessons with hands-on activities. Activities include opportunities for taste-testing healthy foods and practicing skills that lead to good health. Education for adults includes nutrition, food safety, physical activity, and food resource management.

During 2013, 407 youths and 8,522 adults were served through schools, community groups and agencies. The following is a list of the locations where participants were served:

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Evaluation data collected across the entire state reflects the positive impacts that occur in every county with FNEP. Within FNEP are two key programs, each with its own system for evaluating impact: the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)

For youths who participated in FNP, results summarized for the state revealed the following positive impacts:

- Three thousand, one hundred ninety-nine (3,199) teachers gave us feedback.
- 50 percent (50%) have participated in FNP for three or more years
- 99 percent (99%) (3,158 teachers) reported one or more changes in students after FNP.
As entrepreneurs and innovators, Missouri’s small businesses are becoming a more diverse group that continues to make the state’s economy productive. There are approximately 500,000 small businesses in Missouri. Nearly 98 percent of all businesses with employees are categorized as small businesses. In assisting the owners and managers of those businesses, MU Extension contributes to a county’s economic development through growth in jobs, sales, innovation, technology development and commercialization.

MU Extension
Business Development Programs
MC DONALD COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT
Fiscal Year 2013

Overall, the University of Missouri’s Business Development Programs (BDP) served 22,350 people and their businesses state-wide. The total impact for all businesses assisted by the BDP was:
New jobs: 6,351
Sales increases: $194,100,000
Government contracts: $218,500,000
New businesses: 253
Jobs retained: 3,514
Loans and investments in business: $217,050,115.00
Investment in commercialization: $222,209,689.00
Investment in commercialization: $12,762,930.00 in SBIR/STTR or research proposals submitted with $5,159,574.00 awards received
Clients/companies receiving business counseling: 14,381
Business training attendees and conference participants: 12,394

In McDonald County, the Business Development Program results are:
New businesses: 1
Loans and investments in business: $60,997
Clients/companies receiving business counseling: 4
Business training attendees and conference participants: 15

The business development faculty contributing to these business successes are from the programs identified above. These staff have regional and statewide assignments and work with businesses in all counties across the state.

THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DELIVERY NETWORK INCLUDES
Business Development Specialists headquartered at University of Missouri Extension centers; centers located on the University of Missouri campuses at Columbia, Kansas City, St. Louis and Rolla; and centers at most of the state universities across Missouri. The named programs delivered through this network include:
Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers (MO SBTDC) – Funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration, this award is matched on the local level by state university hosts and private sector partners. Services include individualized business counseling and a wide variety of educational opportunities. One of the products offered through those centers is the MoFAST SBIR/STTR assistance. Specialists in this area work with university faculty and other innovators to win awards in support of the commercialization of technology.

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Robert W. Plaster School of Business 3950 Newman Road, Plaster Hall 107 Joplin, MO 64801
Phone: (417) 625-3128 http://www.mssutraining.com
Visit the state business development program website at www.missouribusiness.net
Impact in 2013

Missouri Century Farm Program was established in 1976 as part of the American Revolution Bicentennial to recognize the role of agriculture as the state’s number one industry. The same family must have owned the farm for 100 consecutive years or more and still retain 40 or more acres of original farm.

McDonald County Century Farm Families

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2013 State Fair Family

Jeremy Thomas and family of Stella MO were among the 108 families honored during the Missouri State Fair’s Farm Family Day on August 12, 2013. The Thomas’s were selected as the McDonald County Missouri State Fair Farm Family by the McDonald County Extension Council and local Farm Bureau. The family includes Jeremy, wife Jamie and daughter Avery. Each year, the fair sets aside a day to recognize farm families from across the state who are active in their community, involved in agriculture and participate in local outreach and extension programs such as 4-H and FFA. The Thomas family is no stranger to long days and plenty of hard work. The family operates a farm near Stella and produce grain crops of wheat, soybeans and corn. It takes a lot of planning, weather watching and hard work to make a grain operation successful especially with the high cost of materials and fuel but for the Thomas’s it is all worth it.
85 County Residents Tap Continuing Education Network

The MU Conference Office provides high-quality, professional, full-service meeting management for noncredit educational programs, like conferences, workshops, seminars and symposia. For FY2012, the MU Conference Office registered 14865 Missourians in MU Extension conferences. Participants attended conferences on teacher training, natural areas, advancing renewables and greening homes. A total of 85 participants from McDonald County attended MU Conference events.

MU Extension’s Fire & Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) provides comprehensive continuing professional education and training to Missouri’s fire service and emergency response personnel. The institute has a direct impact on the well-being and protection of Missouri’s 23,600 firefighters and the 5.9 million citizens they serve. In FY2013, 21 enrollments came from McDonald County.

The Office of Continuing Medical Education serves rural primary-care physicians with access to education so they can meet requirements for state licensure. In FY2013, 2 enrollments came from McDonald County.
2013 Financial Summary

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Thank you...
A special acknowledgement and appreciation is given to the McDonald County Commissioners for their financial assistance and also for their continued support of 4-H and school enrichment activities through the funding of our Youth Associate position.

This position is co-sponsored with Newton County and the University of Missouri to fund a full-time position for a person to work with youth in Newton and McDonald Counties.

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