Annual Report

Perry County Extension Center Operations

To extend the educational resources and knowledge Base of the University of Missouri and Lincoln University to the people of Perry County Missouri.

University of Missouri Extension is the statewide educational outreach of the University of Missouri System and Lincoln University. Extension specialists in county extension centers and on the campuses provide educational programs to help citizens apply university research knowledge to solve individual problems.

Appropriations from County Commissions provide funds for operations of county University Of Missouri Extension offices. These people served as Perry County Commissioners during 2011:

Carl "Topper" Lueckel, Presiding Commissioner
Patrick Heaps, District 1 Commissioner
Jim Sutterer, District 2 Commissioner

Thanks to the citizens of Perry County and the Perry County Commissioners for their continued support.

Requests:

Thousands of requests are handled in person and over the telephone as clients are immediately provided with answers to their questions; are referred to additional sources of assistance; or receive follow-up information to provide the help they need.

Publications:

The Extension Center serves as a source for transmittal of research based information for the University of Missouri system and Lincoln University. Thousands of University pamphlets, guide sheets, and publications are distributed each year providing county residents with concise, unbiased, and detailed information on a particular topic of interest. Information is not only distributed at the local office, but is also available at the Perry County Extension Council booth at the East Perry Fair. The Extension Council booth is manned by office staff and volunteer extension council members. During 2011, 305 pages of farm record income and expense pages were sold along with 17 farm record books, 71 Natural Events Calendars and several hundred other various informational guide sheets and books.

Media/Newsletters:

- "Briefings on Family Matters" is sent out quarterly to 347 homes
- "Quality for Keeps" is sent out monthly April-October to 162 homes
- "4-H Update" is sent out 8 times a year to 125 4-H Families.

To extend the educational resources and knowledge
Perry County farmers produce over $32 million in sales annually; equally divided.

Water Quality/Soil Stewardship
Variety Testing
(over 450 pounds of soil was shipped through UPS or the US Postal system.)

AGRICULTURE PROFITABILITY PROGRAMS

One-On-One Individual Problem Solving

Centers (MO PTAC), Missouri Environmental Program, Missouri Career Options

Livestock handling facilities, and building plans
Dairy Quality Management Group Meetings, Tours, Dairy Heifer Management,
Dairy Production Systems and Management

Over 120 people attended the Spring Master Gardening Symposium
Several citizens were trained to be Master Gardeners in Perry County

2011 Highlights:
• One Perry County 4-H member won a $1,000 State 4-H Foundation Scholarship
• Over 400 recognition completion/service/awards were given to 4-H members

Another major area of programming is food preparation. Culinary Arts classes are held
with safe food handling, storage, preparation and preservation.

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health conditions. Educational materials as a result of individual inquiries and
programs are provided to help families deal with family meals and preventing or
living with chronic health conditions. In cooperation with the Regional Arthritis
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In 2011, Perry County had a total of 1168 youth that participated in 4-H Clubs, 4-H
programs are provided to help families deal with family meals and preventing or
development of the youth in Perry County, particularly the at-risk youth.

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Estate Planning, Individual Development Savings Program, Women in
Marketing Seminars, Fence laws, Year end tax planning, Farm Tax School,
Farm Financial Planning and Records, Enterprise Analysis, Crop and Grain

Sustainability of Family Farms
Economic Strategies/Management

21st Century Community Learning Center (Perry County Dist. #32)

Technology

Community Coalitions

Human Environmental Sciences

Agribusiness

Program Highlights