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**Texas County
2017
Annual
Report**

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December 4, 2017

Dear County Commissioners and Friends of MU Extension:

For much of the past year, MU Extension was focused on a long-overdue assessment of statewide needs and a deep look at how we respond to these needs with programs and resources.

We crisscrossed the state to gather input from 42 community conversations with 1,200 people and reviewed analysis and recommendations from a range of external experts. As a result, MU Extension is working on a variety of changes in the interest of providing better university engagement with your communities.

We are steadfast in our resolve to help local communities and the state meet grand challenges associated with economic opportunity, educational excellence and healthy futures. These challenges reflect what Missourians from every corner of the state told us they were most concerned about.

As you read your county's annual MU Extension report, I believe you will be pleased to see the results that have been accomplished through county-based University of Missouri faculty. These faculty members work in response to input received from local extension councils.

At the state level, local MU Extension efforts really add up. Though we have long known extension funds were leveraged, an independent review revealed that MU Extension created more than \$945 million dollars of public value from the \$80 million it received from federal, state, county, grant and contract partners. A public value ratio exceeding 11:1 even surprised us.

As we go about implementing changes based on the recently completed needs assessment and review of our organization, I am confident that our ability to create value at the local level will be even greater.

I encourage you to read the attached annual report from your MU Extension county center to gain an understanding of how MU Extension has worked this past year to serve your community.

Your support of MU Extension and your efforts in your community is greatly appreciated. As always, I welcome input on how the University of Missouri can better serve your community and its people.

Sincerely,



Marshall Stewart, Ed.D.
Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement

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HUMAN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Family Nutrition Education Program

Number of Texas County Learners	Total Hours of Collective Workshop Participation in 2017	What Did They Learn?	What Action Did They Take?	How Does This Work Make Texas County and Missouri Better?
<p>Youth—*1,383</p> <p>Adult— *2,519</p> <p>*Some individuals may have been served on more than one occasion</p>	<p>Approximately 4,000 hours of learning in the following Elementary schools: Cabool, Houston, Licking, Plato, Raymondville, Summersville and Success. And for the following agencies: Texas County Food Stamp Office, Texas County Food Pantry, United Community Help Center, Cabool Senior Center, Houston Farmer’s Market, Houston Senior Center, Summersville Senior Center, New Life Recovery Center, and the Texas County Health Department</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNEP provides information on nutrition, food safety and physical activity • Nutrition education provides information on nutrition, food safety, physical and (for adults) resource management. 	<p>Participants in FNP become more aware of nutrition, make healthier meal and snack choices, eat breakfast more often, are more willing to try new foods, increase their physical activity and in general make healthier food choices. Those who practice healthy eating and activity behaviors are more likely to enjoy a high quality of life as an adult and into old age. A healthy labor force is critical to attracting and keeping jobs in Missouri. In addition, this important programming effort serves to reduce healthcare costs over the participant’s lifetime, saving taxpayers money in reduced public healthcare benefits and insurance premiums.</p>	<p>In 2017, the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) brought \$8,582,289 in federal funds to the State of Missouri. These funds were used to provide nutrition education to 951,652 of food stamp recipients and food stamp eligible citizens of Missouri. 3,902 of these participants reside in Texas County.</p>

Foods Preservation

Number of Texas County Learners	Total Hours of Collective Workshop Participation in 2017	What Did They Learn?	What Action Did They Take?	How Does This Work Make Texas County and Missouri Better?
<p>5 Texas County Participants</p> <p>Workshops were presented by Stephanie Johnson, MU Health and Nutrition Specialists</p>	30 hours of learning by participants	<p>Participants learned;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to safely freeze and dehydrate foods. • How to pickle foods. • How to can salsa and fruit 	Participants stated that they would begin preserving foods according to the methods learned at the class. They also indicated that they planned to share food preservation with others and utilize tested recipes.	Participants learned preserving food from gardens is a benefactor in lowering grocery costs, which in turn will help individual family budgets. By utilizing safer practices while preparing food, there will be less food borne illnesses.

Healthy Schools Healthy Communities

Number of Texas County Learners	Total Hours of Collective Workshop Participation in 2017	What Did They Learn?	What Action Did They Take?	How Does This Work Make Texas County and Missouri Better?
<p>122 youth and 66 adults from Texas County</p> <p>Workshops were presented in partnership with the Texas County Health Department who administers the Healthy Schools Healthy Communities Grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health.</p>	Approximately 376 hours of learning by participants	<p>Participants learned;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meal planning • Cooking skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I didn’t think I liked spinach but when I tried the strawberry and spinach salad, I loved it.” • “This is so cool making a smoothie on a bike!” 	Healthy Schools Healthy Communities brings together schools, parents and residents to identify and push for changes that increase access to healthy food and physical activity where our kids live, learn and play



4H Youth Development

Number of Texas County Learners	Total Hours of Collective Workshop Participation in 2017	What Did They Learn?	What Action Did They Take?	How Does This Work Make Texas County and Missouri Better?
<p>250 Texas County Youth</p> <p>63 Certified Adult Volunteers</p> <p>Program overseen by Janice Weddle, 4H Youth Development Specialist</p>	<p>The total number of learning hours by youth and teaching hours by adult volunteers is innumerable.</p> <p>County 4-H special-interest programs include conferences, distance learning programs, day camps and other educational activities, such as school-age care. They often reach youths with special needs, such as those living in group homes or youths who are physically or mentally challenged.</p>	<p>Texas 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. Texas County has 133 youth members in 7 clubs.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>County 4-H special-interest programs include conferences, distance learning programs, day camps and other educational activities, such as school-age care. They often reach youths with special needs, such as those living in group homes or youths who are physically or mentally challenged.</p> <p>Missouri 4-H is growing future scientists. Young people in 4-H are engaged and three times more likely to be interested and pursue science-based careers their non-4-H peers. Our nation needs young people prepared to live and work in a world that no one can imagine – jobs that do not yet exist, using technology that has not been invented, solving problems that have not yet been identified. In Texas County, 65 Youth Members were engaged in science related projects and experiences.</p>	<p>4-H members are supported by 37 adult volunteers. Volunteers create, support and are part of the 4-H community. Missouri 4-H volunteers responding to a survey report they contribute on average 100 hours per year. Valuing their time at \$21.31 per hour, based on average Missouri incomes, the contribution of Texas County 4-H volunteers was worth more than \$152,082 in 2017! More importantly, these adults serve as mentors for our youth helping them transition into health adulthood, priceless.</p>

4H Success Stories

Four Texas County 4-H Youth will go on to represent Texas County at the 4-H National Shooting Sports event in Nebraska; 1 at the shoot in summer of 2017 and 3 in summer of 2018. The focus of the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports program is the total development of the young person. The shooting sports and related natural resource activities are utilized as a vehicle for human growth and development.

Texas County 4-H Shooting Sports awarded \$1,625 NRA grant.

Third Annual Texas County 4-H Recognition Night with 112 Registered 4-H families recognizing 35 youth members for their activities throughout the 2017 4-H program year.

Texas County Second Annual 4-H Family Workshop *Making the Best Better* included 111 youth and adult participants getting involved in workshops like Volunteer 101, Officer Training, Clover Kids Community Service Project, and Shooting Sports Safety.

Texas County is growing future scientists. 4-Hers are more likely to pursue future courses or a career in science, engineering or computer technology. 158 of Texas County 4-H members were enrolled in science related projects this past year.

Texas County 4-H Youth Quote

“In 4-H there are a lot of responsibilities and leadership like the different officers. I was an officer and I developed leadership being one. One thing that I learned is that you have to not be afraid to speak up and express your thoughts and opinions to others. Being the officer for my club has made me develop leadership. Being an officer for 4-H has meant everything to me and I loved being one and if I ever get that opportunity again then I am going to take that challenge. This is what gave me my leadership and pride too. Thank you 4-H for giving me a chance to do something that will affect the lives of other people.”



Ag and Natural Resources

Agricultural, forestry, and related industries support 1,972 jobs in Texas County. Additionally, these industries contribute \$411.9 million in sales, which translates to \$90.3 million in added value to the area after \$321.6 million worth of inputs are purchased. Of this \$90.3 million, \$49.3 million is comprised of labor income. Tax revenues generated by the agricultural, forestry, and related industries in Texas County are \$17.9 million.

Source: Missouri Department of Agriculture, <http://agriculture.mo.gov/economicimpact/county-pdf/Texas.pdf>

40-Texas County Landowners attended Grazing School during 2017

Horticulture

Number of Texas County Residents Served	Total Hours of Collective Participation in 2017	What Did They Learn?	What Action Did They Take?	How Does This Work Make Texas County and Missouri Better?
20 horticulture soil test reports were prepared	20 hours	Soil test reports outline soil chemical characteristics, and also include management recommendations.	Soil test clients used the soil test reports to plan fertility management, and to apply only needed fertilizers. Clients saved money by reducing unneeded fertilizer applications.	The proper use of fertilizers reduces the problems associated with fertilizer movement away from target areas, which impacts water and soil quality.
1 visits to a farm in Texas County was conducted.	2 hours	Farmers learned science based horticultural practices.	Farmers used the information shared during the farm visit to help guide management decisions. Farmers saved money by making informed decisions.	Farmers who are profitable and successful contribute to the sustainability of themselves and their families, of the natural resources on their farms, and to the economy in Texas County.
2 Texas County residents attended a HighTunnel and Greenhouse Production workshop.	32 hours	Farmers learned how profitably produce specialty crops in high tunnels and greenhouses	Farmers used the skills gained at the workshop to get started in specialty crop production in high tunnels/greenhouses, and to expand and refine already existing production.	Protected culture (high tunnels, greenhouses) of specialty crops offers huge potential to expand production and enhance profitability for farmers in Texas county. Profitable farmers help build the strength of rural economies.

Natural Resource Engineering

Number of Texas County Residents Served	Total Hours of Collective Participation in 2017	What Did They Learn?	What Action Did They Take?	How Does This Work Make Texas County and Missouri Better?
<p>Individual services were provided to six Texas County residents by Bob Schulthesis, Natural Resource Engineering Specialist</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing hydrogen sulfide (rotten egg) odors from drinking water • Treating well water for E.coli bacteria • How to do straw bale gardening • Safely removing algae from ponds • Pond health with cattle access to water • Water testing for use in greenhouse irrigation 	<p>University of Missouri Extension provides the resources to assist those interested in understanding the water quality issues affecting Texas County, and how to protect the water supplies for current use and future generations. With the information received, individuals were able to take steps to protect our water systems.</p>	<p>Water is the most important resource to humans. Although an ocean of water covers the earth, it is important to remember that there is no new water. Groundwater is water below the earth's surface in rock, sand, gravel and soil. The rainfall that enters the ground keeps up the water level. Surface water and groundwater are the two main sources for drinking water. Nearly 50 percent of the U. S. population and 95 percent of rural homes depend on groundwater for their drinking and water supply. In Missouri, 67 percent of the population gets its water from surface water, while 33 percent depend on groundwater supplies. We need clean, usable groundwater to maintain an adequate and safe supply of drinking water.</p>

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Number of Texas County Learners	Total Hours of Collective Workshop Participation in 2017	What Did They Learn?	What Action Did They Take?	How Does This Work Make Texas County and Missouri Better?
27 Texas County Agricultural Producers	81 hours of instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and proper use of agricultural pesticides • How to properly read a pesticide label • Importance of using label information during all aspects of pesticide application • Selection and use of protective clothing and equipment • Environmental Impacts of pesticide use • Record – keeping requirements 	<p>In order to purchase and apply restricted-use pesticides, producers in the state of Missouri are required to attend a training session or view a training video.</p> <p>As part of the training applications for the private applicator license are completed and sent to the Missouri Department of Agriculture for participants to receive their restricted-use pesticide license.</p> <p>Restricted-use pesticide licenses must be renewed every five years.</p>	<p>By ensuring that individuals are aware of the safe handling of restricted use pesticides, those handling these pesticides are less likely to be involved in potential accidents that can cause harm not only to the individual applying the pesticide, but other people, livestock and the environment as well.</p>

Soil Testing

Number of Texas County Learners	Total Hours of Collective Workshop Participation in 2017	What Did They Learn?	What Action Did They Take?	How Does This Work Make Texas County and Missouri Better?
416		<p>Soil testing helps producers determine the best course of action for fertilizing pasture and crop ground.</p> <p>By utilizing soil test information and working with MU Extension Agronomy Specialists, producers can make informed decisions.</p>	<p>With information from individual soil tests, producers are enabled to determine how to best spend their money only on fertilizer necessary to reach their production goals. This eliminates the waste of applying nutrients that aren't needed for an individual field in order to reach those production goals.</p>	<p>The utilization of fertilizers has both positive and negative effects. By applying only the necessary nutrients, forage production goals are realized, thus improving the economic position of producers, while at the same time avoiding the purchase and application of unnecessary nutrients</p>

2017 Century Farms

Agriculture in Texas County is supported by both large and small farm enterprises. In an effort to recognize successful farm families in the county, the Texas County Extension Council recently honored Gary and Sherry Allen with the presentation of the Missouri Century Farm award. The Allen's were also honored with a Resolution from the Missouri State House of Representatives presented by 142 District Missouri State Representative, Robert Ross.

To qualify, farms must meet the following guidelines. The same family must have owned the farm for 100 consecutive years. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, grandchildren, siblings, and nephews or nieces, including through marriage or adoption. The farm must be at least 40 acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

The original 115 acres of the Allen farm was originally purchased in 1916 by R.D. and Maude Allen. The farm gained acreage through the purchase of smaller parcels of land around the original farm, with the final addition made in 1922, by Walter and May Allen. The farm was then purchased by Gary and Sherry Allen in 1990 from Gary's family.

Business Development

Number of Texas County Learners	Total Hours of Collective Workshop Participation in 2017	What Did They Learn?	What Action Did They Take?	How Does This Work Make Texas County and Missouri Better?
97 Clients from Texas County Program managed by Willis Mushrush, Business and Industry Specialist	Undetermined number of learning hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business start-up • Business Management • Business Planning 	Entrepreneurs and business owners in Texas County reported economic impacts and activity as a result of the services provided by the MU Extension Business Development Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales Increases: \$357,000 • Business Expansion: 1 • Jobs Created: 1 • New Investments: \$95,000 • Jobs Retained: 12 • Government Contract Awards: \$17,684 	Through the Business Development Program, Texas County business and individuals take advantage of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers—Services include individualized business counseling and a wide variety of educational opportunities. • Missouri Procurement Assistance Centers (MO PTAC)—Funded by the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency, this program helps businesses win government contracts for a wide range of products and services. • Missouri Market Development

				<p>Program—Helps business owners find markets for recycled materials and helps other businesses in securing funding for manufacture of new goods utilizing recycled materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Career Options—assistance for displaced workers •Missouri Environmental Program—Showing businesses how to save money by reducing waste, understanding regulations and using recycled materials.
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Business Development Success Story

MU Extension’s Business and Community Development Program provides non-profit assistance to American Recycling Center, Cabool, MO

Community Development programs and training at the University of Missouri Extension increases non-profit community development impacts locally.

MU Extension’s Strengthening Community Non-profit Organizations programing provides resources and assistance to small nonprofit organizations in Missouri that are in many ways the backbone of civic life in our communities. They include neighborhood organizations, community betterment groups, faith-based organizations, auxiliary clubs and educational associations. Their work defines what is unique about the places we live, and their efforts to address some of the most difficult community issues often differentiates a good place to live from a not-so-good place to live.

Dr. Amy Patillo, community development specialist and Willis Mushrush, business development specialist, provided technical assistance and resources to American Recycling Center, LLC Cabool, MO to support organizational planning for business development. American Recycling Center achieved non-profit status to establish American Native Solutions, and received funding to expand services within the community and to regional businesses. American Recycling Center opened in September 2015 as a full recycling facility and is focusing on expanding their solid waste recycling program to meet regional needs, increase awareness of recyclables and alleviate stressors of municipal recycling programs.

Through continued development and planning, American Recycling Center, has invested in the purchase of a Bobcat to manage increased production and in partnership with the Cabool Development Foundation installed a three- phase converter system to power the equipment.

Dr. Patillo, MU Extension community development specialist stated, “Supporting non-profits increases the growth and success of communities and industries. The support these organizations need varies widely from place to place, group to group and situation to situation. The resources provided by MU Extension are designed to help a group do a self-assessment and locate appropriate assistance.”

MU Extension Continuing Education

University of Missouri (MU) Conference Office

The MU Conference Office provides full-service meeting management for a variety of noncredit educational programs. In FY 2017, the MU Conference Office organized 72 conferences for more than 20,000 people in teacher education in math, science and writing; crop management and agricultural lending, as well as statewide youth leadership programs, generating \$3.2 million in revenue. muconf.missouri.edu

Texas County Residents Served: 70

Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI)

In FY 2017, MU FRTI celebrated its 85th anniversary of providing continuing professional education and training to Missouri's fire service and emergency response personnel. In addition to fire training, courses prepare firefighters for medical emergencies, hazardous materials response and disaster preparedness and mitigation. In FY 2017, MU FRTI trained 11,319 firefighters and emergency responders from 932 departments, organizations and agencies throughout all 114 Missouri counties. mufrti.org

Texas County Residents Served: 50

Law Enforcement Training Institute (LETI)

LETI provides training and education for Missouri's 17,000 personnel and police recruits and presentations to community and civic groups, as well as collaborative programs with agencies from 31 states. In FY 2017, LETI reached nearly 2,000 police and emergency responders. With MU's Human Environmental Sciences department, LETI piloted Taking Care of You and Mental Health First Aid for Law Enforcement, helping participants better understand mental illness and how it impacts their work. Other programs include advanced animal cruelty investigations training and armed intruder and personal safety response. Students receive over 700 hours of basic training and certification, with other topics and certifications like Crisis Intervention Team Training available. leti.missouri.edu

Texas County Residents Served: 2

Missouri Training Institute

The Missouri Training Institute provides continuing education programs in business, as well as customized training programs and consulting services for business and industry and public, nonprofit and educational organizations and institutions. In FY 2017, 10,630 people enrolled in the institute's 371 programs that cover diverse business practices, such as human resource management, team building, decision-making, strategic planning and leadership. mti.missouri.edu

Texas County Residents Served: 8

MU Nursing Outreach

Nursing Outreach serves mainly rural health-care workers with high-quality, affordable continuing education programs using face-to-face and online delivery methods; 92 percent live outside the St. Louis and Kansas City metro areas. In FY 2017, nurses from 77 Missouri counties and the city of St. Louis attended continuing education programs. Another 867 nurses and 1,986 health care professionals — including social workers, nursing home administrators and psychologists — were served through multidisciplinary programs. nursingoutreach.missouri.edu

Center for Continuing Medical Education and Physician Lifelong Learning (CME/PLL)

CME/PLL serves MU Extension and the MU School of Medicine by educating physicians and other health care providers to improve the standard of care in Missouri. In FY 2017, CME/PLL offered 1,678 noncredit programs, courses and activities, serving 27,345 people, as well as 14 accredited medical conferences, including the annual Missouri Telehealth Network Summit on trends in this emerging healthcare arena; an Ellis Fischel Cancer Symposium on holistic approaches to cancer care; and one of the world's largest multidisciplinary conferences on dialysis. CME/PLL also provided online training for 6,400 state mandated child protection reporters in 20 occupational fields. medicine.missouri.edu/cme

Veterinary Medical Extension and Continuing Education (VMECE)

Veterinary Medical Extension provides information and consultation to veterinarians and livestock owners on issues such as disease risks, rising input costs and regulations that impact farming operations. In FY 2017, VMECE provided 17 continuing education events for veterinarians needing credit to renew their licenses. Twelve events addressed antibiotic label changes that went into effect on January 1, 2017, and how to write a veterinary feed directive. The rest dealt with preventing and responding to disease outbreaks in Missouri livestock operations. The VMECE team also presented at more than 40 meetings across the state, educating animal owners about the antibiotic label changes. VMECE also taught food animal production medicine to MU College of Veterinary Medicine students and collaborated in research that addressed bovine reproduction. vmth.missouri.edu

Labor Education

The Labor Education Program works with members and leaders of workplace-based organizations across Missouri to help them develop skills, act effectively in the workplace and be informed and active participants in their communities. In FY 2017, the program offered 35 courses and conferences to 952 participants, most of whom are leaders of organizations representing the economic interests of more than 20,000 working people in Missouri and surrounding states. labored.missouri.edu



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2017 Texas County University of Missouri Extension Council Operating Budget

	Jan - Dec 17
Income	
0005 · Fundraising	77.00
0100 · Student Fees	-30.00
0125 · 4-H Dues Received	3,304.81
0210 · County Appropriations	30,000.00
0300 · Investment Income	4.52
0400 · Gift/Grants/Contracts	157.59
0900 · Resales/Educ Services Fees	9,332.25
1300 · Miscellaneous Income	1,875.00
1500 · Postage Allotment	-7.80
Total Income	44,713.37
Expense	
2700 · Persnnt Serv - Salaries & Wag	19,206.50
2800 · Payroll Expenses	9,208.22
3100 · Travel	2,179.36
3600 · Postage	675.70
3700 · Telephone Serv - Local	640.45
3800 · Telephone Serv - Tolls	128.09
3900 · Advertising	110.00
4400 · Rent/Lease Equipment	2,382.66
5100 · Supplies/Services	4,283.25
5900 · Utilities	3,760.16
6800 · Insurance	1,226.75
7000 · Miscellaneous	407.00
7004 · 4-H dues to paid to Foundation	1,524.09
7100 · Soil Test Expenses	4,406.00
7300 · Repairs/Maintenance	5.72
Total Expense	50,143.95
Net Income	-5,430.58