

# Scott County Cooperative Extension Service

## REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

*Our mission is to make a difference in the lives of Kentucky citizens through research-based education.*

### Agriculture and Natural Resources BEGINNING FARMER BOOTCAMP

Beginning Farmer Bootcamp was constructed to target any type of producer. It aims to provide relative and pertinent information that all producers should think about in the beginning stages of their operation. Extension partnered with the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Services, Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, Central Kentucky Ag Credit, and Central Kentucky Farm Credit. Participants found the program very educational and resourceful. They appreciated the take home material that they received from both Extension and other entities. Scott and Franklin County agents had good initial feedback. Many participants made comments about taking this information back to their operations. 100% of attendees said that they learned something new at both sessions of the program.

### Horticulture PEER SUPPORT WITH HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING

The Live Evergreen Holiday Wreath Making classes have become a tradition for many; all classes held in December were filled to capacity. A new tradition began, however, with three additional classes added to make this fun and useful holiday tradition open to potentially underserved audiences. One such audience was a group from a local transitional house for women recovering from substance use. The house provides a structured environment where women benefit from peer support as well as intensive outpatient programs. One program is a monthly class with Horticulture Agent Sharon Flynt, to explore different opportunities in horticulture. It has been proven that horticultural activities can contribute to successful rehabilitation by assisting positive self-esteem development, responsible behavior growth, as well as acquired leisure time skills.

### Family and Consumer Sciences RECIPES FOR LIFE

Extension collaborated with Southern Elementary School administrators and teachers within the Scott County School District to offer the Recipes for Life Program to 77 fifth-grade students. Over 30 volunteers worked with students in a hands-on educational setting to teach important life skills. Additionally, Scott County Extension Office Staff assisted with the program. Prior to the program the FCS Agent taught lessons at Southern Elementary school including: Food Safety, Recipe Reading, Meal Planning, Keep Foods Apart, Keep the Kitchen Safe, Measurement Skills, and Knife Skills. Feedback was collected from the youth, some notable testimonials include, "I did not know I liked broccoli" and "this is my favorite field trip ever!"

# 4-H Youth Development

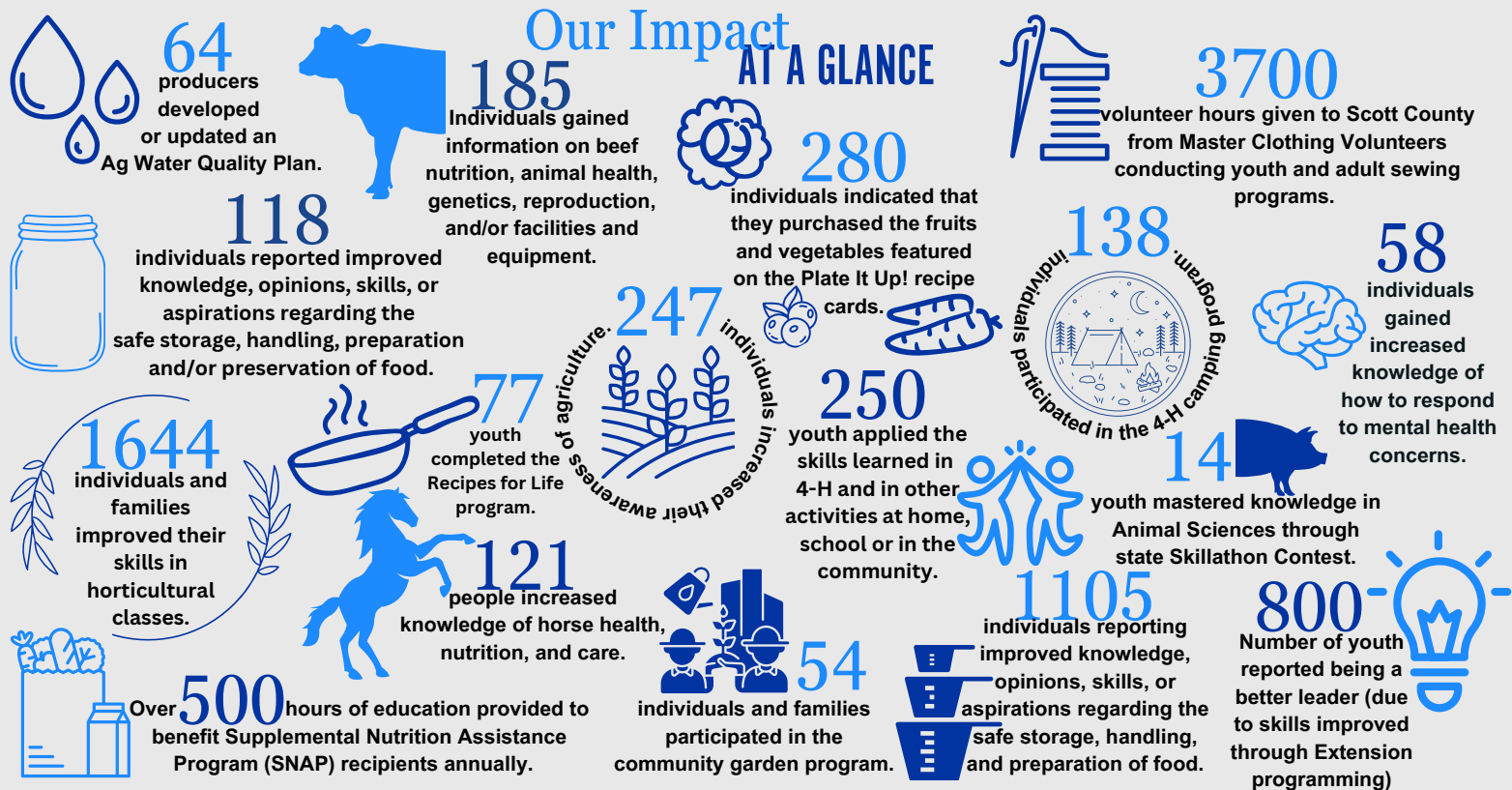
## 4-H IN THE CLASSROOM

4-H is promoting STEM in the classroom by teaching hands-on science lessons to over 700 4th-grade students throughout Scott County. From DNA extraction to cow eye dissection, 4-H brings the science textbook to life, encouraging engagement in future studies. Recently, students had an illuminating experience learning about electricity and making circuits. Students got to utilize their knowledge with a trial-and-error type experiment to see who could create light. Our goal for these students is to help spark knowledge and interests that will help them in their future studies.

# Community and Economic Development

## SCOTT COUNTY FARM CITY FIELD DAY

The Scott County Farm City Field Day has been a long-standing tradition dating back to 1970. This program allows all program areas of the Scott County Cooperative Extension Service to collaborate to bring a community and economic development based program to Scott County. This year's Farm City Field Day was at Elmwood Stock Farm. 218 individuals attended this educational opportunity. Participants had the chance to learn about sustainable and organic practices, while getting hands-on experience in agriculture. Farm City helps to highlight the importance of agriculture in Scott County, while instilling fellowship in our community.



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