



Hocking County

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2007 Impact Statements

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Master Gardener classes of 45+ hours resulted in 12 persons finishing classes and passing the exam certifying sufficient learning to be a “Master Gardener.” However, only 7 met the full requirements to be certified as Master Gardeners. This brings total certified Master Gardeners in Hocking County to 24.
- The Master Gardener volunteers conducted America in Bloom (awarded 2nd in state in volunteer hour category), Lilyfest, Logan Farmer’s Market and landscaped the new Park Office Building at Old Man’s Cave State Park. In all, Master Gardeners donated over 500 volunteer hours in 2007. At Lilyfest over 100 fact sheets were printed on-site and handed out to patrons to aid learning. The Master Gardener table was staffed during the entire time of the Lilyfest and new Master Gardeners adopted beds for next year. Lilyfest attracts thousands of visitors from across Ohio.
- Eleven Hocking County private pesticide applicators were certified to apply pesticides in a manner as safe as possible to applicators, the environment and the consumer.
- Basic Estate Planning Seminars were presented to 27 people in Licking County and to 26 people in Hocking County, utilizing the Basic Estate Planning Fact Sheet Series and three local attorneys. To assure understanding of basic estate planning concepts, participants were required to have read the fact sheets prior to the sessions.
- Over 65 hard copies of the Basic Estate Planning Fact Sheet Series have been provided directly to clientele throughout Ohio. Also over 100 people have accessed the fact sheets on the web. The fact sheets are required reading for estate planning seminars in Holmes, Greene and Butler Counties and are utilized in estate planning seminars across Ohio.
- Forest owners learned how to manage their forests, market timber and how the new property tax laws that are proposed might affect their taxes, through a Forestry Tax Meeting (22 attended), Management Meeting (25 attended), Tri-County Timber Marketing and Emerald Ash Borer Meeting (27 attended), Timber Marketing Workshop (12 attended) and “Name that Tree” (27 attended).
- At the annual Beef Banquet 87 producers learned about alternative forage systems in Brazil and the U.S.
- A beef twilight tour in the summer and drought management meeting in the fall demonstrated proactive

drought management strategies to 75 beef producers. Also, information on government programs and the availability of assistance for production, environmental quality and financial stress in the family was provided at both sessions.

- An Agricultural Advisory Committee now determines program priority and methods. Surveys of clientele were utilized by the committee to get a better idea of agricultural and natural resources educational needs, possible effects and appropriate methods. As a result, priority will be given to livestock programs in Hocking County utilizing meetings and newsletters.
- Throughout the year, monthly averages for Agricultural and Natural Resources Education conducted for Hocking County clientele were the following per month: newspaper columns, 2; telephone calls, 111; office visits, 12; e-mails, 44 and farm visits, 1 and a general agriculture newsletter and radio program every other month.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- The Family Nutrition Program (FNP) provided educational classes on food and kitchen safety, thrifty shopping and improving dietary quality during federal fiscal year 2007. A total of 570 Food Stamp recipients and eligible non-recipients attended programs. Of those, 92% reported they learned new information and 86% planned to make recommended changes. Also, a total of 3,223 additional individuals received newsletters and/or fact sheets.
- *The Family Tackle Box* parent education newsletter was developed by the FCS educators in Hocking and Perry Counties to equip families of elementary age children with creative ideas, solutions to parenting issues, and fun activities. The monthly newsletter was distributed through the elementary schools and received a positive evaluation.
- The FCS educator partnered with the Logan-Hocking School District to provide monthly parent education classes during the 2006-2007 school year. Class evaluations showed that 91% of the parents found the content of the sessions to be helpful or very helpful.
- This FCS educator taught a Jump Into Food and Fitness/Nutrition and Exercise class during each week of the seven-week SPROUTS Summer Camp. Forty-four children completed the end of camp evaluation. It showed that 89% learned new information and 86% were making at least one positive change as a result of participating.

- The Hocking County Youth Board met monthly in addition to completing the following activities: sponsored a bake sale, cow chip bingo, and Logan Chieftain Sport Towel fund raisers; funded a \$1,000 mini-grant; attended a team building retreat; and volunteered time for the Empty Bowls and Toys to Share community service projects.
- Dermascan skin viewings and skin cancer fact sheets were provided to: 68 Logan Hocking School District staff, 271 seventh grade students, and to 19 participants in the Soil and Water Conservation District Drive-It-Yourself Tour. Of the students completing evaluations, 96% learned new information and 93% plan to make some of the recommended changes.
- Seven youth participated in the Farmer Youth Initiative (FYI), a collaborative program of OSU Extension, Hocking Soil and Water Conservation District and others. Funded in part by the George W. Broughton Natural Resources Program Fund and a Step Outside grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the program taught the ethics of hunting, wildlife conservation, and communication skills, in addition to gun and food safety.
- Extension educators are responsible for seeking additional revenue to support their programs. During 2007, they received an approximate additional \$267,232 in grants, gifts, contracts and volunteer time. Extension staff partnered with 29 different agencies and groups to best utilize funding and avoid duplication in programming.
- Legislative activities included hosting State Representative Dan Dodd during a county visit and the state legislative luncheon; hosting a day-long county visit with Aaron Schmidt, Legislative Director for Congressman Zack Space; attending Zack Space's farm bill update meeting; and hosting a visit from Cara Dingus Brook, District Representative of U.S. Senator George V. Voinovich.

4-H Youth Development

- The 4-H Community Builders completed work on the nature trail and amphitheatre seating in the woods behind Logan-Hocking Middle School. This project was funded by a \$7,500 grant received from the National 4-H Council and The Coca-Cola Foundation. Club members cleared a 400-foot trail and had amphitheatre benches built. The youth made birdhouses, created nature identification signs, and purchased four sets of 30 4-H project books and three sets of 30 Peterson Field Guides. This area is available to 100 faculty members for use with 900+ middle school students.
- The 4-H educator worked with *The Logan Daily News* to create a special 16-page 4-H tab section to promote 4-H. The tab section was seen by 5,000+ newspaper subscriber households.
- The educator taught three of four Quality Assurance training sessions conducted. Three hundred thirty-one (331) youth were QA-certified, and 97% responded that they felt better prepared to observe quality assurance practices as they prepare their animal for exhibition.
- One hundred seven youth participated in Hocking County 4-H Camping programs during 2007 (75 Junior Camp and 32 Cloverbud Camp), where they were actively engaged in experiential learning. Our teen members served as counselors for both camps, providing them with leadership opportunities. On the post-camp survey, 62 of the 70 responses made by Junior Camp participants stated that they had made a new friend at camp and looked forward to attending next year.
- The 2007 Hocking County 4-H Food & Nutrition Camp was coordinated with a team effort from the 4-H educator, the FCS educator and the 4-H program assistant. Camp was attended by 15 youth, and all 15 stated that they learned something new and that they benefited from receiving a personalized MyPyramid.
- The 4-H educator and program assistant participated in the Logan-Hocking Middle School Health Fair with a display and interactive hand-washing activity and reached 240 seventh grade students. Two hundred thirty-six students (98%) stated that they learned something new about the importance of hand-washing.
- After-school programming was provided to Union Furnace Elementary School, reaching 56 students. Lessons included Food Fun, Celebrations around the World, Heart Health, Insects, Recycle, Fitness Fun.
- The 4-H Program partners with the Hocking County Juvenile Court System and other community leaders to offer CARTEENS, a traffic safety program taught by 4-H teen leaders for first-time juvenile traffic offenders. In five sessions held during 2007, 102 young persons attended the program, and 77 stated that the CARTEENS program will help them be a better driver. Eighty-two stated that they will increase their use of seatbelts, and 89 stated that they will be more cautious when driving. A follow-up survey sent to parents of teen participants (89) indicates that 85% of those responding (27) feel that their teen drives more cautiously.
- The Fitting & Showing Clinic was facilitated in conjunction with the Vo-Ag instructors and 103 youth members and 168 family members attended. Of the 86 responses received from the youth attendees, 84 stated that they felt better prepared to show their animal at the fair.

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