



# Lawrence County

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## 2007 Impact Statements

*Although the county only has three Extension office staff (4-H Educator, EFNEP Program Assistant, and Office Associate), many clientele, in many areas, have been served by these staff members.*

### Agriculture, Natural Resources and Horticulture

- Approximately 500 people have received fact sheets and bulletins to assist them with solving **pest, lawn and garden, soil and livestock problems**. A web site was maintained with current links and information.
- Lawrence County trained 3 more volunteers as **Master Gardeners** bringing Lawrence County Master Gardeners number to 16. These volunteers taught garden programs and answered questions from the nearly 62,000 people in the county. According to the *Points of Lights* value of volunteer time at \$17.65 per hour, the time they volunteered amounted to nearly \$14,120.
- Eleven agriculture and industry workers received **pesticide recertification** through the Extension office. Purdue University places a \$625 value/hour on pesticide certification training based on Extension pest management knowledge, cooperation with ODA, prevention of individual and commercial mishandling of toxic chemicals, and potential increases in productivity. In Lawrence County, this translates to \$20,625.

### Family and Consumer Sciences

- The Lawrence County **Homemakers** Clubs enjoyed one of the largest memberships of the Ohio counties. The Homemakers meet eight months of the year with a leader training session being provided each month. Topics included Medicare and AARP. They participated in community service projects such as lap throws for nursing homes, blankets for children and a state project. The Homemakers celebrated achievements at the "Achievement Day" including state award winners and the Christmas Workshop.

### 4-H Youth Development

- The Lawrence County 4-H program reached **almost 4,800 youth** who learned to value and practice service for others and to be good citizens as members of 35 organized clubs and special interest activities. These clubs and programs were led by 121 caring adults who developed positive and sustaining relationships that provided safe, inclusive environments for youth to de-

termine goals, make decisions and envision themselves in the future.

- In partnership with the **Lawrence County MRDD Open Door School**, 73 students (ages 6-21) at the school for mentally and/or physically disabled youth were members of an in-school 4-H club. The students participated in "Jump Into Food and Fitness (JIFF)" project during the school year. At the end of the school year, the members were interviewed for their county "fair judging" and traveled to Lake Vesuvius for an educational day camp.
- Lawrence County **4-H CARTEENS**, in partnership with the Lawrence County Juvenile Court and Ohio State Highway Patrol, taught safe driving habits to 262 juvenile traffic offenders, through court appointed sessions. The Carteens presented prom programs to 3,202 high school teens at all the county high schools.
- **Camping**—The Lawrence County 4-H camps provided 104 youth, 15 teen counselors and 4 adults opportunities where they learned community living skills, leadership skills, communication skills and environmental awareness. 74 youth spent time overnight camping at Canter's Caves 4-H Camp where they developed a better appreciation of the environment and conservation. They also learned to live and work with others.
- Animal safety was assured through **Livestock Quality Assurance and Horse Safety, Ethics and Quality Assurance training**. 312 youth taking production livestock projects participated in Quality Assurance Training. Through this hands-on educational activity, participants gained life and project skills that will ensure a safe and wholesome food supply for everyone. 21 youth taking horse projects along with their parents and guardians were required to complete a Safety and Ethics program. They learned to safely handle and ride a horse. They also learned to how to care and maintain their tack and equipment.
- **Leadership Training**—More than 50 teens developed leadership skills involving planning, organization, decision making, goal setting, teaching and communication while participating in 4-H activities such as Teen Leaders, Jr. Fair Board, Camp Counselors and CARTEENS. These teens also presented programs at statewide conferences and testified to county commissioners, state senators and state representatives.

- **Cloverbuds**—More than 80 4-H youth, five to eight years of age, participated in Cloverbud projects in community and in-school clubs. More than 25 Cloverbuds took part in an interactive day camp learning activity conducted by 4-H Teen Leaders as part of their 4-H Cloverbud experience. More than 60 participated in the Cloverbud Skillathon, Cloverbud Rodeo and Cloverbud Veggie Tales at the county fair.

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