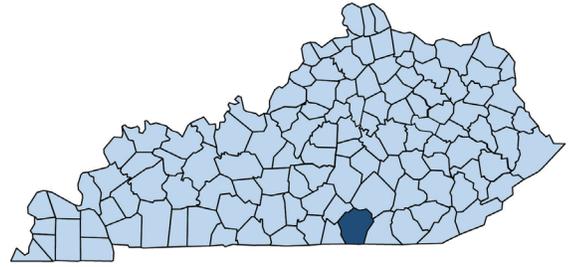


# REPORT TO THE PEOPLE



## Wayne County 2021



**DID YOU KNOW...** During Covid-19, Extension provided weekly Grab & Go educational learning kits for youth & families.



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## Agriculture and Natural Resources



Vendors and customers like the new Farmer's Market location.

120

Number of people attending School Garden Field Day.

9360

Number of ears of sweetcorn produced in the school garden and served in all five school cafeterias.

## 4-H Youth Development

4-H Camp is growing! Adult leaders of the program were once campers and have a strong desire to help youth. Camp allows youth to learn new skills while participating in activities and taking on new challenges while in a group living environment. Youth develop positive values, self-esteem, confidence, and responsibility. Camp allows leaders to develop skills and create positive youth-adult partnerships.

Campers participate in archery, rifle, climbing, swimming, canoe/kayak, arts, outdoor living, caving, and sports classes. They are given opportunities to learn new skills, as well as advance skills they already possess even at 50% capacity in 2021. At the conclusion of camp, a follow-up survey on the impact of 4-H camp was completed. 91% indicated they want to go again. Over 75% of campers indicated that because of camp they have made friends, able to make decisions on their own, and able to work with people different from them.

The current Farmers Market location cannot meet CDC guidelines for COVID-19. We turned our attention to a storage facility owned by the Wayne County Extension District Board. It has public restrooms and is much larger with better parking and slower traffic. It is also level with no tripping hazards. These are important characteristics for a Farmers Market. It is an open front building with seven bays, each 25 ft. wide and 50 ft. deep. It can easily accommodate 14 vendors who can pull their trucks or trailers to the back and have their extra produce handy to replenish their display tables.

We rearranged building contents and discarded some things filling a commercial dumpster in the process. We put in additional lighting, plug-ins, fans, and Wi-Fi. The vendors are pleased with this new facility because they are having more customers, and the customers are continuing to come later in the season than they did when we were at the other facility.



Campers enjoying canoeing/kayaking during 4-H Camp.

73

Number of youths participating in day, overnight, 4-H non-environmental camps at the office, 4-H Camp facility, or other location.

250

Number of youths who received the 4-H/UK CAFE Marketing Materials

## Family and Consumer Sciences



Wayne County Extension Homemakers with KEHA Ms. Way To Go.

**5000** Number of hours KEHA members volunteered in the community activities and events.

**28** Number of KEHA members who utilized knowledge gained through training to fulfill a KEHA leadership role at the club, county, area, and/or state level.

## Nutrition Education

Gaye Hutchison, the EFNEP Assistant in Wayne County, was able to focus on community gardening during the COVID pandemic. Her goal was to increase vegetable consumption with her clients! With the help of the ANR Agent and ANR Assistant, she completed a raised bed at the Wayne County Extension Office that served a local adult daycare and soup kitchen with fresh vegetables during the summer.

She also constructed a raised bed at Adanta Clinical for their clients and a raised bed for the local head start program to utilize with their children. She has since completed another raised bed for Horizon Adult Day Care for tomatoes. She helps plant the beds and assists the clients with maintenance and gardening questions. The clients weed, water, and then get to harvest fresh vegetables to try in NEP recipes.

COVID-19 created concerns of decreased connections with community, leadership, and Extension Homemaker membership involvement. COVID-19 significantly impacted our ability to meet in person. To reduce the impact of these potential losses, weekly FCS newsletters, newspaper articles, increase in social media, membership incentives, and educational grab and go kits were provided, as well as many other creative ideas were implemented.

FCS Extension received positive feedback from the community and leaders. Requests to receive FCS Extension newsletters increased from 245 to 321. A new “In Stitches” newsletter was developed with 177 new recipients. Wayne County Extension Homemakers added 29 new members and has started two new Extension Homemaker Clubs during COVID-19. Wayne County Extension Homemakers received the award for most new members from KEHA and \$300 incentive for local programming.



Tomatoes, snow peas, cabbage, and more fresh vegetables to try!

**25** Number of clients that tried snow peas for the first time and loved them.

**150** Number of Wayne Countians who were able to eat fresh produce they had grown.

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*... just a few ways Extension supports Kentucky*

- *23,971 Kentucky youth who participated in a project, activity or event in science, engineering and technology through 4-H programming.*
- *4,890 Kentucky producers adopting new technologies in agriculture production.*
- *3,399 Kentuckians who improved or maintained health from participating in gardening.*
- *3,898 Kentucky families who supplemented their diets with foods they grew or preserved.*
- *4,161 Kentuckians participating in community trail projects.*

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