BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES
IN DAVIESS COUNTY

OUR FOCUS
Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families throughout Kentucky. Our educational programs focus on making healthy lifestyle choices, nurturing families, embracing life as we age, securing financial stability, promoting healthy homes and communities, accessing nutritious food, and empowering community leaders.

OUR SUCCESS
In 2016-2017, Cooperative Extension made 69,990 contacts with individuals and families in Daviess County.¹

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A HEALTHIER KENTUCKY
Making healthy lifestyle choices

Easy access to unhealthy foods, increased stress, and limited opportunities for physical activity all create challenges and barriers for Kentucky families in making healthy lifestyle choices. Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension programming through the University of Kentucky teaches families to improve health and well-being by choosing a nutritious diet, increasing health literacy to help prevent chronic diseases, or participating in regular physical activity. Our goal is to equip citizens with the knowledge, resources, and an environment where the healthy choice is the easy choice.

Number of farmers market locations by Kentucky county²

- 0 (7 counties)
- 1-2 (73 counties)
- 3-4 (34 counties)
- 5-7 (4 counties)
- 8+ (2 counties)
Food Environment

**OUR COUNTY**
- Daviess County had **16** supermarkets and other grocery stores and **59** convenience stores or gas stations with convenience stores in 2015.³
- According to Map the Meal Gap, in 2015, an estimated **13,370** individuals were food insecure in Daviess County.⁴
- Only **11.3% (16.2%-7.7%)** of adults in Daviess County consumed five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day between 2013-2015.⁵

**OUR RESULTS**
- **153** individuals reported eating more healthy foods.¹
- **35** individuals are more likely to buy Kentucky fruits or vegetables because they tasted Plate It Up! Kentucky Proud recipe samples.¹

Financial Environment

**OUR COUNTY**
- The median household income in Daviess County was **$48,724 ($52,189-$45,259)** in 2015.⁸
- In Daviess County, **2,014** was the average monthly number of infants and children assisted by WIC* in 2013.⁹
- In 2015, there were **13,123** SNAP/food stamp recipients.¹⁰
- **8.8% (+/-1.4%)** of people age 65 and over were below poverty between 2011-2015¹¹ and **18.9% (22.9%-14.9%)** of children ages 5-17 in families were below poverty in 2015.⁸
- Between 2011 and 2015, **3.3% (+/-0.8%)** of full-time/full-year workers were below poverty.¹¹

**OUR RESULTS**
- **36** families supplemented their diets with healthy food they produced or preserved.¹

**SOURCES:**
⁴ CDC County Diabetes Atlas. (www.cdc.gov/diabetes/countydata/atlas.html)
⁵ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2016 County Health Rankings. (www.countyhealthrankings.org)
⁶ 2015 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html)
⁷ Kids Count Data Center. (datacenter.kidscount.org)
¹¹ Margin of error: (+/-17%-25%)

* WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.*

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Physical Environment

**OUR COUNTY**
- According to the CDC’s County Diabetes Atlas, **30.4% (33.7%-27.3%)** of adults 18 years and over in Daviess County were obese between 2012 and 2014.⁶
- The Diabetes Atlas also reports that between 2012 and 2014, **23.9% (26.7%-21.3%)** of adults in Daviess County reported no leisure-time exercise in the past month.⁶
- There were **11** fitness and recreation businesses in Daviess County in 2015.³

**OUR RESULTS**
- **76%** of the population in Daviess County had adequate access to locations for physical activity in 2014.⁷

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