

University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment *Cooperative Extension Service*

Building Strong Families

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 2019-2020, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made

87,683

direct and indirect contacts with individuals and families in Larue County.

SPOTLIGHT: LARUE COUNTY

Food preservation workshop leads to more gardens



Six participants completed the 2019 LaRue County Food Preservation Program in which they learned the pressure canning, water bath canning, freezing, and drying methods of food preservation. Following the program, all participants reported that they had better skills in home food preservation methods, could identify research-based methods of home food preservation, could identify the necessary equipment for home food preservation methods, and could identify the correct method for canning low acid and high acid foods after the program. More than half of the participants reported growing a garden this year and are planting in 43,620 square feet (more than an acre) of garden area.

LARUE COUNTY'S EXTENSION PROGRAMMING COMMUNITY IMPACT

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension professionals actively work to reach our goals by offering educational programs that serve to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our Commonwealth. Larue County's FCS Extension programming in 2019-2020 led to the following results.



7,679 youths participated in local Extension programming





746 individuals made healthier eating choices



volunteer hours were reported by FCS Extension program volunteers



\$2.200 in EBT, WIC, or senior benefits were redeemed at farmers' markets

> participants reported making positive

behavior changes



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