

# Your Prairie County

## Cooperative Extension Service

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## Annual Update

### **2023 Prairie County Extension Outreach**

64,723 Total Educational Contacts

3,998 Total Volunteer Hours

\$127,136.40 Value of Volunteer Time (\$31.80 per hour)

### **Agriculture and Natural Resources**

8,742 Direct Educational Contacts

347 Farm/Site Visits

7 Demonstrations

21 Master Gardeners

7 Master Gardener Projects

208 Volunteer Hours valued at \$6,614.40



### **Key Programs and Activities Conducted:**

- 24 Private Pesticide Applicators Trained
- 44 Valves Vaccinated for Brucellosis
- 26 producers adopting best management practices representing 22,000 acres.
- 27 producers adopting Integrated Pest Management Practices representing 8,000 acres.

### **4-H Youth Development**

34 4-H Members, 2 Certified Volunteers

2 Community Clubs

232 Volunteer Hours valued at \$7,377.60

### **Key Programs and Activities Conducted:**

- School Enrichment:
  - 4-H STEM – 171 Youth
  - Wildlife Habitat – 25 youth
- County Camps – 89 Youth
- County Events: 4-H O’Rama: Outdoor Skills, Illustrated Talk, Performing Arts, Ross Photography Contest; Dairy Foods Contest; and Poultry Chain.
- 4-H Recognition and District/State involvement:
  - 12 District O’Rama Participants
  - 3 State O’Rama Participants
  - 1 State Teen Star



- \$3,325 raised to support the Prairie County 4-H Program
- \$5,000 Grant from America's Farmers Grow Communities

### **Family and Consumer Sciences**

2,744 Direct Education Contacts

47 Extension Homemakers Members, 6 Clubs

3 70-year+ members

5 EHC Clubs were recognized as 75 year+ Clubs

3,526 Volunteer Hours Valued at \$112,126.80

### **Key Programs and Activities Conducted:**

- Extension Get Fit – 5 Participants enrolled  
2 certified volunteer leaders
- Walk Across Arkansas:  
Fall 2022: 2 teams totaling 47,888 minutes of Exercise.  
Spring 2023: 2 team with a total of 15,747 minutes of Exercise
- SNAP Ed Adult Nutrition Education – Lessons, newsletters, and/or displays provided to DHS, Head Start Centers, school parents, commodity distribution and Christopher Homes Housing Authority.
- Youth FCS Educational Programing:
  - Get Real Here's the Deal – 48 Youth Participants
  - Cooking Camp – 20 Youth Participants
  - Babysitting Basics – 42 Youth Certified
  - Smoothie Bicycle Events- 682 Youth Participants



### **Community and Economic Development**

386 Direct Educational Contacts

### **Key Programs and Activities Conducted:**

- Community Garden Project Christopher Homes
- Partnered with Mid-DELTA Senior Center-Des Arc
- Booths staffed at County Fair, Prairie County Rice Festival
- Conservation Day and Wildlife Education for Youth

