

Your Prairie County

Cooperative Extension Service

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Annual Update

2024 Prairie County Extension Outreach

59,656 Total Educational Contacts

3,998 Total Volunteer Hours

\$152,580 Value of Volunteer Time (\$33.49 per hour)

Agriculture and Natural Resources

4,262 Direct Educational Contacts

254 Farm/Site Visits

15 Demonstrations

27 Master Gardener Members

9 Master Gardener Projects

724 Volunteer Hours Valued at \$24,246.76



Key Programs and Activities Conducted:

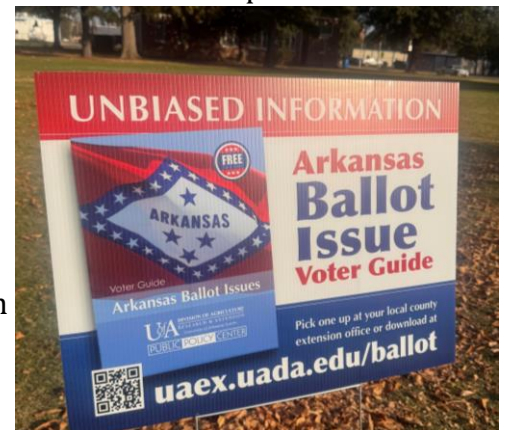
- 19,263 Acres enrolled in the DD50 Rice or Corn Program
- 15,805 Acres Soil Sampled, and 1,295 Soil Samples Submitted
- Facebook Page: 251 Direct Contacts, 4,368 Indirect Contacts, 4,619 Total Contacts
- 65 Private Applicators Trained In-Person
- IPM Insect Traps: 4 Southwestern Corn Borer Traps, 2 Corn Earworm Traps
- Monthly Online Newsletter: 47 Recipients, 43 Opens
- Crop Production Meeting: 73 Attendees

Community and Economic Development

474 Direct Educational Contacts

Key Programs and Activities Conducted:

- 350 Ballot Issue Books distributed for the 2024 Election
- 2024 Voter Education/ Ballot Issue Displays located at Des Arc Courthouse, De Valls Bluff Courthouse, Prairie County Fair, and Rice Festival
- Voter Education Activity at Hazen High School Constitution Day
- Staffed Educational Booths at County Fair, Rice Festival, Senior Center Field Day
- Conservation Day and Wildlife Education for Youth
- Participated in Fair Parade, Christmas Parade, Des Arc Elementary Fall Festival, Hazen Trunk or Treat, Hazen and Des Arc Elementary Professional Development



Family and Consumer Sciences

2,766 Direct Education Contacts
44 Extension Homemakers Members, 5 Clubs
3 70-year+ EHC members
3,355 Volunteer Hours Valued at \$112,359

Key Programs and Activities Conducted:

- Extension Get Fit – 5 Participants enrolled
2 certified volunteer leaders
- Innovative Cooking Solutions Demonstrations
 - Air Fryer – 2 sessions Des Arc and Hazen Public Libraries
 - Insta Pot – 2 sessions Des Arc and Hazen Public Libraries
 - Crockpot – 2 Sessions Des Arc and DVB Public Libraries
- Serve Safe Certification Classes
 - Manager - 5 certified
 - Food Handler – 6 certified
- SNAP-Ed Adult Nutrition Education – Lessons, newsletters, and/or displays provided to DHS, school parents, commodity distribution, Senior Centers and Christopher Homes Housing Authority.
- Youth FCS Educational Programming:
 - Get Real Here's the Deal – Des Arc Junior Class
 - Food Preservation – Hazen High School FACS Classes
 - County Fair Promotion – Hazen and Des Arc High School FACS Classes



4-H Youth Development

2,498 Direct Educational Contacts
41 4-H Members, 2 Certified Volunteers
4 Community Clubs
477 Volunteer Hours valued at \$15,975
3,596 Direct Facebook Contacts
41,633 Indirect Facebook Contacts

Key Programs and Activities Conducted:

- 22 Library Programs in Des Arc and De Valls Bluff
- County Events
 - 4 County Camps: Garden Camp – Jr and Cloverbud; Space Camp – Jr and Cloverbud
 - Poultry Chain and 1st Annual Auction – 16 youth
 - 3 Day Trips: Museum of Discovery & AGAF, Little Rock Zoo, Echo Duck Calls & ASU Vet Tech Program
 - Farmer for a Day at the County Fair – 56 Youth participants, 15 Teen Volunteers
- In School programs
 - Pre-K Programs – 10 sessions at Hazen and Des Arc Schools
 - Des Arc Elementary Field Day – 358 Youth
 - Wildlife Habitat – Hazen 5th Grade
- \$3,223 raised to support the Prairie County 4-H Program
- \$5,000 Grant from America's Farmers Grow Communities

