

Agriculture & Natural Resources

150 producers were given the latest information on soybean production at the 2007 Tri-State Soybean Forum held in Vicksburg, Mississippi. This information will enable producers to make informed decisions on their farms when planting soybeans.



4th graders going through Ag Expo's Rice Alley 2007

988 4th graders went through Rice Alley at the Northeast Louisiana Ag Expo and were taught the importance of rice to rice producers in the state of Louisiana and also how rice affects their diets, U.S. exports and how to grow the commodity.

900 4th graders and teachers attended Ag Adventures where they learned the importance of cotton to North Louisiana. Topics discussed included production practices, ginning, classing and merchandising.

Michael Hendrix, East Carroll Parish 4-H'er, had a real winner at the Northeast Louisiana District Livestock Show in Delhi. Through his attendance at showmanship clinics and participation in the livestock projects he was able to produce a grand champion goat exhibit.

25 producers received recertification on their Private Pesticide Applicator License. Through this recertification process producers gained knowledge

on correctly applying pesticides, calibrating equipment, personal protective equipment and health risks involved with applying pesticides.

50 agricultural workers were trained in worker protection standards. These individuals were taught the importance of personnel protective equipment and the laws governing pesticide use.



Planting corn variety trial 2007

East Carroll Parish corn variety trials were planted so that all producers within the parish can visually evaluate varieties within their parish. These evaluations will give producers knowledge when making decisions on their farms.

Made a video presentation at the Annual Bluegrass festival in Oak Grove. The video highlights areas of interest in northeast Louisiana for tourists and is being used to teach small rural communities new ways of marketing local assets.

Conducted the first of a series of farm management workshops for members of "Parishes for Farm Prosperity," an agribusiness community-based organization in northeast Louisiana. The 15 participants learned how to identify and address financial risks associated with farm businesses. They also learned different record management systems and how to read, analyze and produce a farm business balance sheet.

Youth attending Monticello and Epps schools will learn lessons in math and science while

implementing best practices for producing healthy fresh vegetables. Dixon distributed plants for a community garden project and will teach lessons throughout the growing period.

Conducted the last pesticide recertification meeting for the year, with 10 participants, March 30. This was the last chance for private pesticide applicators in the state of Louisiana to recertify in 2007. In addition to recertification, the AgCenter offers certification on Worker Protection Standards and private applicator test preparation.

46 pesticide handlers certified in Worker Protection Standards. Certification is good for three years.

Family & Consumer Sciences – EFNEP and FFNEWS

More than 2,000 participants through home visits, commodity food distribution sites, group meetings, health unit, Food for Seniors, Office of Family Services and Council on Aging received fact sheets on nutrition and information to improve healthy eating habits.

Conducted a one-time consumer education Cash Crisis program to 50 Head Start parents and children who increased their knowledge of consumer education practices.

Supervise and conduct weekly conferences and trainings with five nutrition educators continued professional development to better serve their clientele.

Conducted four parenting workshops for Even Start Literacy Agency in which 20 parents improved their parenting practices.

Conducted four migrant parenting workshops (for which a translator was required) for Even Start Family Literacy Agency where 25 Hispanic families improved their parenting and lifestyles practices.

Recommended one and participated in orientation sessions of five youth who attended the National 4-H Conference in Chevy Chase, Maryland. These youth received scholarships to increase their leadership skills by engaging in the opportunity to develop recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development program.

Assisted the CNP supervisor in a nutrition education 'train-the-trainer' workshop where more than 50 parents and faculty increased their knowledge of eating breakfast.

Assisted with the Delhi Livestock Ag and the Ag Expo where more than 800 youth gained knowledge and increased life-skills in nutrition, hand washing, Ag commodities and other programs.

Conducted one FCS Advisory Leadership Council meeting in which 17 advisory council members gave input for implementing needed programs.

4-H Youth Development

737 4-H'ers became more knowledgeable on living a healthy lifestyle by learning how to choose a diet low in sodium, low in sugar and to have 6-11 servings of the grain group daily.

60 youth attended Ag Adventures and learned the importance of how to "Rethink Your Drink" by choosing not to drink soda because of its high sugar content.

60 youth attended Ag Adventures and became more knowledgeable about the nutritional and economical importance of some Louisiana Ag products: sweet potatoes, poultry, dairy products and cotton.

9 4-H'ers attended the district cookery contest "4-H Food and Fitness Expo" where they learned nutritious facts about 9 different commodities.

531 4-H'ers, leaders and parents attended 4-H Night with the New Orleans Hornets event in which they viewed the changes of the city after the hurricanes and became more knowledgeable of the importance giving.

12 4-H'ers attended T.E.A.M. camp and strengthened their team building, communication, belonging and life skills by participating in activities to enhance the skills listed.

East Carroll Parish Staff

Glenn Dixon	Associate Area Agent (ANR) – SU
Donna Lee	Assistant County Agent (ANR) – LSU
Kris Mayers	Associate Extension Agent (4-H) – LSU
Carolyn Robinson	Assoc. Area Extension Agent (FCS) – SU & EFNEP Supervisor
Patricia Johnikin	Nutrition Educator 2 – EFNEP
Mary A. Reed	Nutrition Educator 2 – EFNEP
Grace Siggers	Nutrition Educator 2 – EFNEP
Dorris Thompson	Nutrition Educator 2 – EFNEP
Sharon Wilder	Nutrition Assistant - FFNEWS
Lori McLain	Administrative Coordinator 2
Sherry Smith	Administrative Coordinator 3
Mike Rome	Parish Chairman

Louisiana State University Agricultural Center – William B. Richardson, Chancellor; **Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station** – David J. Boethel, Assoc. Vice Chancellor and Assoc. Director; **Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service** – Paul D. Coreil, Vice Chancellor and Director

Issued in furtherance of Cooperative Extension work, Acts of Congress of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture. The Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

E. Carroll Parish

Cooperative Extension Service

Quarterly Report

January, February,
March 2007

502 First Street
Lake Providence, LA 71254
(318) 559-1459
or (318) 559-0060
Fax: (318) 559-3125
ecarroll@agcenter.lsu.edu



www.suagcenter.com