

## AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Workshops and presentations were made to Cotton Seed company representatives and administrators relative to performance and positioning of their products. Approximately 30 corporate representatives attended the meetings.



More than 28 adults and youth attended a Pasture Management Field Day at the Gibson Farm in Newellton in September. NRCS local and regional staff, as well as Randy Smith and James Hendrix from the LSU AgCenter provided information related to Best Management Practices for cattle producers.

A workshop discussing cotton nematode control using Precision Agriculture techniques and making growers better informed about the impact nematodes are having on our cotton yields was held in conjunction with researchers and DOW Agra-Science. This meeting drew about 60 growers, industry personnel and consultants from Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Two on-farm tours were conducted in conjunction with Researchers and Specialists to showcase and discuss new cotton variety and technology performance and discuss cotton harvest aid timing and harvest aid selection (weaknesses and strengths of products). Approximately 35 growers, consultants and industry personnel attended the meetings.

A Phase I Master Farmer training was conducted by distance education on September 25-26. This first phase of the program included 8 hours of instruction on Best Management Practices for crop producers. Phase II involves participation in a Model Farm Field Day and phase III involves producers completing a RMS (Resource Management Plan) for their respective farms. All three phases must be completed for individuals to become a Master Farmer.

### 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



learning about the importance and functions of our bottomland hardwood ecosystem in

37 youth from throughout Louisiana and Mississippi weathered the extreme heat in July,

Northeast Louisiana. More than 20 volunteers assisted at the camp, including teachers, college interns, LSU AgCenter student workers, 4-H volunteers and college students. The 2 camps, held annually during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of July, are held at the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge and Poverty Point State Historic Site. Providing programs at the camp included instructors from the LSU AgCenter, US Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA, NRCS, Poverty Point State Historic Site and the La. Dept. of Environmental Quality.

James Hendrix, Tensas Parish 4-H agent, conducted a GPS/GIS workshop for youth development professionals at the Louisiana Association of Extension 4-H Agents Convention held in Alexandria during August.

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

3 graduates have completed the 18 hours of training in the PPSP Program, Parents Preparing for Success Program. There were 9 participants from Madison Parish and 1 from Tensas Parish now attending the training classes.

56 4-H members participated in the Liter Control Poster Contest for the Tensas Beautification Task Force. Those participating attend Tensas Elementary, Newellton Elementary and Tensas Academy.

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