



# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

## Champaign County

No matter what your age, occupation, or where you live in Champaign County, University of Illinois Extension provides research-based information and educational programs for Champaign County residents to improve their quality of life in diverse and ever-changing communities.

### Highlights of 2005:

- ◆ **2350 Youth** participated in character education programs.
- ◆ **136 parents** and child care providers learned skills to help them raise healthy children
- ◆ **163 farmers** learned to identify crop pests and diseases.
- ◆ More than **2000 Champaign County residents** received appropriate pest management information regarding their homes, landscapes or gardens.

### How we reach you...

- Weekly News Gazette Columns

Horticulture—*Homeowner's* column  
 Agriculture—*Crop, Stock and Ledger* column  
 Consumer—*Extension Connection* column



- Television features on WCIA, WICD, and WILL
- Radio programs on local stations WDWD, WILL, WKIO
- Workshops and special interest programming throughout Champaign County
- Over 4000 households receive the Extension connection newspaper
- 45,000 Internet users access educational information monthly through the Champaign County Extension website.

### Our Staff...



<b>Marilyn Brengle</b>	<b>Unit Leader</b>
<b>Steve Ayers</b>	<b>Farm Business Management Educator</b>
<b>Sandy Mason</b>	<b>Horticulture and Environment Educator</b>
<b>Angela Reinhart</b>	<b>Family Life Educator</b>
<b>Fran Streitmatter</b>	<b>4-H Youth Development Educator</b>
Alison Donoho	4-H Youth Development
Christine Martinez	Master Gardener Program Coordinator
Myrtle Ali	FNP/4-H Youth Development
Betty Armstrong	Family Nutrition Program (FNP)
Joan Burch	Family Nutrition Program
Alberta Roundtree	Family Nutrition Program
Judy Becker	Secretary
Sharon Hamilton	FNP Secretary
Pam Herriott	Fiscal Secretary
Jo O'Connor	4-H Secretary

## How we've served you in Champaign County...

### ◆ Encouraged Environmental Responsibility.

- Over 2100 people viewed hort/pest management practices at Master Gardener Idea Garden
- 20 people were trained in classroom and online as Master Gardeners
- 23 Master Gardeners successfully completed advanced training in tree ID
- 43 Arborists, natural areas stewards, city and park district personnel and Master Gardeners learned possible dangers of Sudden Oak Death
- Provided Pesticide Safety Education to 137 area farmers to secure certification to use restricted use pesticides and herbicides

### ◆ Enriched and Nurtured Relationships.

- 20 families addressed developmental needs of kids ages newborn- three years in playgroups
- 61 parents and child care providers learned tips and games to promote healthy eating and active lifestyles in young children
- 75 parents and child care providers improved communication skills and discipline techniques

### ◆ Discovered Practical and Timely Solutions.

- 294 gardeners learned from international speakers at Garden Day
- 1200 people were made aware of a variety of garden plants and designs during Garden Walk
- 24 Master Gardeners completed 15 hours of continued education in plant propagation
- 75 adults increased their capacity to create nutritious meals on a limited budget through community seminars
- 1100 adults received nutrition newsletters monthly

### ◆ Advocated Positive Youth Development.

- Taught gardening and personal development skills for 85 youth at Juvenile Detention Center. Garden was expanded this year by request of residents and staff
- 572 children served by Crisis Nursery experienced educational activities in the gardens planted and maintained through more than 150 Master Gardener volunteer hours
- 15 after-school programs in various locations provided 560 youth alternatives to hanging out in the "wrong places"
- More than 700 fourth and fifth graders interactively experienced how choices affect their bodies health by participating in the Body Walk program
- 265 preschool children practiced hand-washing skills to prevent the spread of germs
- 220 children learned basic food preparation skills and better food choices during summer day camps
- 431 youth participated in 4-H community clubs

### ◆ Strengthened Financial Security.

- More than 1700 high school students experienced money management decisions including the skills needed for checking accounts and maintaining account balances
- Provided leadership for local America Saves affiliate, Champaign County Saves to encourage individuals to develop strategies for saving
- Assisted 93 adults in knowing how to access their own credit reports and review them for accuracy
- Provide monthly grain market information to over 75 farmers through the Champaign County Corn and Soybean Marketing Club



**"You offer a great variety of programs, great job!"**

**-Garden Day 2005 participant**



University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

**Contact us at:**

**University of Illinois Extension  
Champaign County  
801 N. Country Fair Drive, Suite D  
Champaign, IL 61821  
217.333.7672**

**<http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/champaign>**