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RESOURCES GALORE!

- * We have access to the entire University of Illinois
- * Click on a wealth of information at www.extension.uiuc.edu
- * Ask questions relating to Home, Family, Community, Horticulture, Agriculture, Food & Nutrition, 4-H and Youth Development and much more

4-H and Extension Foundation

Formed in 1991, the foundation provides \$61,000 annually to keep programs strong. A local family gave an anonymous donation of \$32,000 in the past 2 years. We are indebted to our many volunteers and staunch supporters.

Other Important Resources:

**Ellen Burton—Regional Director
217-333-5588**

**Effingham Education Center
1209 Wenthe Drive
Effingham, IL 62401
Phone: 217-347-5126**

Kevin Brooks—Farm Business Management and Marketing

Beverly Combs—Nutrition and Wellness
Pat Hildebrand—Consumer & Family Econ.
Debbie McClellan—Family Life
Rachelle Hollingshead—Community Leadership & Volunteerism

**Edwardsville Education Center
Phone: 618-692-9434**

Elizabeth Wahle—Horticulture
Dave Fisher—Animal Systems, Dairy
Robert Bellm—Crops Systems

**Carbondale Extension Center
Phone: 618-453-5563**

Mike Plumer—Natural Resources Management
Norma Turok—Small Business Management

**Mt. Vernon Education Center
Phone: 618-242-9310**

Justin Sexton—Animal Systems—Beef

**Champaign Education Center
Phone: 217-333-4901**

Suzanne Bissonnette—Integrated Pest Management

Dave Shiley—Natural Resource Management

Leadership Crawford County

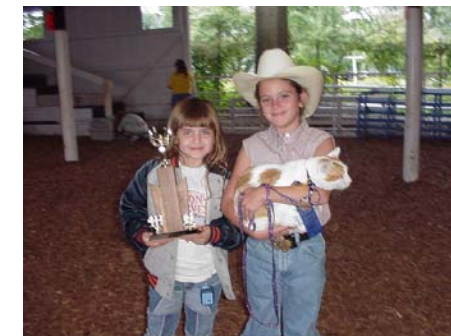
Leadership Crawford County is now in its third year! Fourteen members of Class III will attend the 2-day retreat in Monticello on September 10 & 11. U of I Extension and CCDA remain sponsors of the organization and several valuable community projects have derived from the class projects. Tuition to attend classes is \$595, with most being paid through employer sponsorship. For more information, contact the CCDA office at 546-1412.

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Annual Report 2006

U of I Extension connects you to the many resources of the University of Illinois. We work with 400+ volunteers to offer programs that address the needs of people in all walks of life. Educational programs encompass 4 major target areas:

- Agriculture & Horticulture
- Nutrition, Family Life and Consumer Resources
- Community & Economic Development & Volunteerism
- 4-H & Youth Development



Kids love the County 4-H Fair

Staff

Ann Emken—County Director

Debbie Tedford—
Community Worker in
Youth & Family

Jackie Plew—Secretary

Connie Calvert—Secretary
CCDA Partnership

Hope Dennis—
FNP Coordinator
Part-time Secretary

Jennifer Rardin—
Grant Writer/Coordinator

- 300 Farm Families
- 200 HEA Members in 8 Units
- 40 Master Gardeners
- 337 Youth participate in Community Clubs
- 1,005 Youth participate in School Enrichment Clubs
- 252 5th graders experience Conservation Day
- 25 Low-Income Families receive monthly nutrition classes
- 38 Adults volunteer as 4-H Leaders
- 51 Teenaged Youth are active Jr. Leaders
- 400 Senior Citizens enjoy nutrition classes/newsletters
- 205 FNP families served through 3 local food pantries
- 263 FNP youth are involved in monthly programs

This report provides an overview of programs & services provided by U of I Extension

U of I Extension Provides equal opportunities in programs & employment.

Funding 2007-08

We have 4 major funding sources:

County Board	\$76,000
From a 3¢ per \$100 referendum Approx. \$6 for a \$60,000 home	
4-H & Extension Foundation	37,600
Many local donors	
Crawford County Dev. Assoc.	23,400
Local Sources	137,000
State 4-H Premiums	6,000
State Match (90-100%)	137,000

Total Budget \$280,000

Increasing Agriculture Profitability

The Agriculture Development Association (ADA) began organizing in June 1999 to find ways to increase profits. U of I Extension helped them explore alternative crop options and research marketing strategies. ADA now has 496 members from 22 counties in Illinois and 8 states. This grassroots organization, which has shown great leadership and foresight, is still visioning for the future.

Lincolnland Agri-Energy

This 54-million-dollar, farmer-owned Co-operative began to produce more than 40 million gallons of ethanol annually in July 2004. The plant has increased the basis paid on corn by 5-8 cents per bushel. This has added \$3-5 million to farm incomes in a 50-mile radius of Crawford County, which averaged \$34,000-\$55,000 in 2002. A \$10,000 investment has yielded over \$7,000 in dividends in 2 years. Stock prices have gone from \$1.50 per share to \$12 per share. This has been a phenomenal opportunity for 450 investors and for our community.

Extension helped the Board of Directors by:

- Providing Office Space/Support
- Writing grants totaling \$800,000
- Teleconferencing with experts
- Equity Drive Support
- Surveying interest in DDGS Feed.



Lincolnland Agri-Energy receives \$300,000 grant from USDA.

Young Farm Couples Committee

U of I Extension and Farm Bureau are working to form a committee to involve young farmer couples. We also work closely with the Agriculture Development Association to develop programs.

Other Agriculture Programs

- Pesticide Applicators Training
- Farm Safety & Health Screenings
- Work with the Agriculture Dev. Assoc.
- Grain Marketing Seminars/Telenets
- Livestock Tours and Clinics
- Agronomy Programs
- Livestock Waste Management
- Estate Planning Meetings
- Agriculture Bus Trips
- Digital Diagnostics
- Resourcing U of I Educators/Specialists

Agricultural Bus Trips

We sponsor an Ag Bus Trip each summer reaching approximately 40 participants:

- SIU Soybean Assoc. Tour—Carbondale
- IL Corn Growers Barge Trip/Caterpillar
- John Deere Plant/Ethanol Tours in WI
- Louisville and Lexington KY Horses
- Tobacco/1800's Living Farm/KY Lake

Anyone interested in Agriculture can participate in an annual 2-day trip. The trip is educational as well as an excellent way to bond with farm families. In addition, many program ideas have originated from conversations on the trip.

Homewood Dairy Development

We are working to bring a 1,000-head dairy operation to Crawford County. Developers are using Extension office space to develop partnerships to raise \$4 million in local capital and create 18-36 jobs. The cows will be fed wet distillers grain, a by-product of the ethanol plant, plus other locally grown feeds.

Resources for Farm Families

A one-page list of phone numbers was compiled as a handy reference for use in tractors, pickups, and office desks. E-mail lists give farmers information at their fingertips. Local farmers use the farmdoc website extensively to keep themselves informed without cluttering their mailboxes.

www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu

Extension Leaders

Advisory Council & Committees

Extension Council

Tim McDonald, President	Don Richart
Isaac Dyke, Vice President	Kerry Travis
Laura Collier, Secretary	Debbie Dix
Colleen Williamson, Treasurer	Janet Culp
Arthur Baker, Advisor	Nancy Brush
Samantha Gaither	Alicia Dart
Richard Kocher	Brittany Smith
Karen Dart	Celeste White
Karen Maddox	

4-H & Extension Foundation

Richard Kocher, Chairman	Karen Maddox
Lyle Crane, Vice Chairman	Max Fulling
Laura Collier, Secretary	Brad Gurley
Shirley Thacker, Treasurer	Chad Harmon
Vic Aikman	Jim Knollenberg
Joe Bliss	Nancy Conrad
William Kite	

Agriculture Committee

Randall Matheny, Chairman	Ivan Guyer
Bob Crocker, Vice Chairman	Chad Wells
Kevin Morrison, Secretary	Harold Boyd
Laird Dart	Kayla Holscher
Jeff Musgrave	Terry Ochs
Doug Maddox	Jean Rains

HEA Board Members

LaDonna Harris, President	Nancy Fuller
Shirley Thacker	Carolyn Chapman
Madeline Harris	Rhea Hayden
Phyllis Neeley	Barabara Miller
Lucy Dennis	Sandy Millsap

Extension Special Programs Committee

Carol McGahey, Chairman	Dorothy Fish
Carol Musgrave, Vice Chairman	Kim Hill
Diane Parham	Mary Kindt
Sally Hoke	Barbara Hohlbaugh
Judy Bailey	Jamey Tingley
Joyce Krause	

Active Master Gardeners—(40 Total)

Dorothy Smith	Robert Laswell
Char Harvey	Karen Sanders
Colleen Williamson	Donna Johnson
Dorothy Sagaser	Leslee Thomas
Gloria McDonald	Hope Dennis
Carlene Turnock	Donna Fleek
Betty Thompson	Sharon Heleine
Ginger Osborne	Gary Oxford
Kayla Holscher	Betty Thompson
Peggy Morecraft	Alex Sakonyi
Richard Price	Rob Sparks
Jackie Boles	Judy Sager
Judy Gallion	Jennifer Rardin

Youth Committee

Karen Maddox	Don Fuller
Zel Adams	Kip Davis
Pam Chapman	Jean Rains
Kenny Dyke	Roberta Stephens
Joel York	Ashley McCoy
Brittany Smith	

4-H Leaders

Pam Chapman	Cheryl Davison
Chris Gurley	Karen Davis
Jeri Harris	Laura Collier
Connie Meese	Robin Rinard
Pam Hall	Janie Baker
Romane Lindley	Janet Culp
Brenda Wheeler	Cindy Maus
Bob Hall	Renee Shook
Jan Adams	Zel Adams
Vickie Sholders	Jan Blankenbeker

County Board Members

Joe Bliss, Chairman	Ron Veenstra
Alyce Correll Mullins	Tom Titsworth
*Richard Newbold	Ron Williamson
*Debbie Dix	David Fulling
*Don Richart	Bob Tuttle

*U of I Extension Committee