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## LEE COUNTY EXTENSION

## ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR  
2005



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For more than 80 years the Lee County Extension office has been your link to the University of Illinois, its research and educational programs.



Offering fun, informational programs for individuals of all ages, Lee County Extension focuses on 4-H and youth development, agriculture and natural resources, nutrition, family and consumer sciences and community and economic development.

We are committed to providing you with high quality education services and programs that "Help You Put Knowledge To Work".

*2006 Calendar of Events*

This is a small sampling of the offerings made available by the Lee County Extension. Check our website and local media often for future activities and events that may interest you and your family.

**January**

- 9 Pesticide Applicator Training & Testing  
9 Illinois Shepherds' Clinic  
19 Grain Marketing Forum—Managing Price & Production Risks  
27 Master Gardener Training begins

**February**

- 7 & 9 Master Gardener Telenet—Worm Composting  
20 4-H Project Pool  
21 & 23 Master Gardener Telenet—Indoor Air Quality

**March**

- 2 Grain Marketing Forum—Managing Price & Production Risks  
7 & 9 Master Gardener Telenet—Dwarf & Unusual Landscape Conifers  
13 Pesticide Applicator Testing

**April**

- 6 Grain Marketing Forum—Managing Price & Production Risks  
17 4-H Jr. Food Bowl  
18 & 20 Master Gardener Telenet—Summer Flowering Bulbs

**May**

- 2 & 4 Master Gardener Telenet—Common, Unusual & Underrated Landscape Plants  
16 & 18 Master Gardener Telenet—Shade Gardening

**June**

- 8 Grain Marketing Forum—Managing Price & Production Risks  
26 - 29 4-H Camp

**July**

- 27-30 Lee County 4-H Fair & Jr. Show

**August**

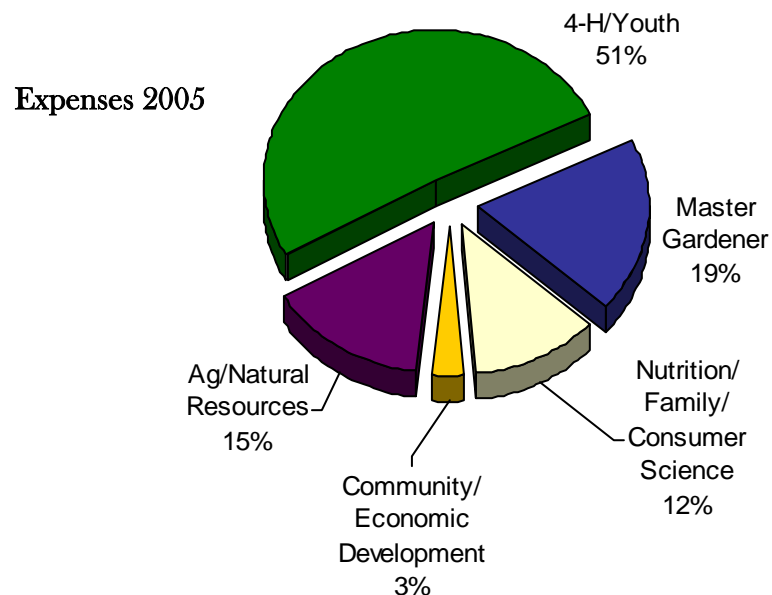
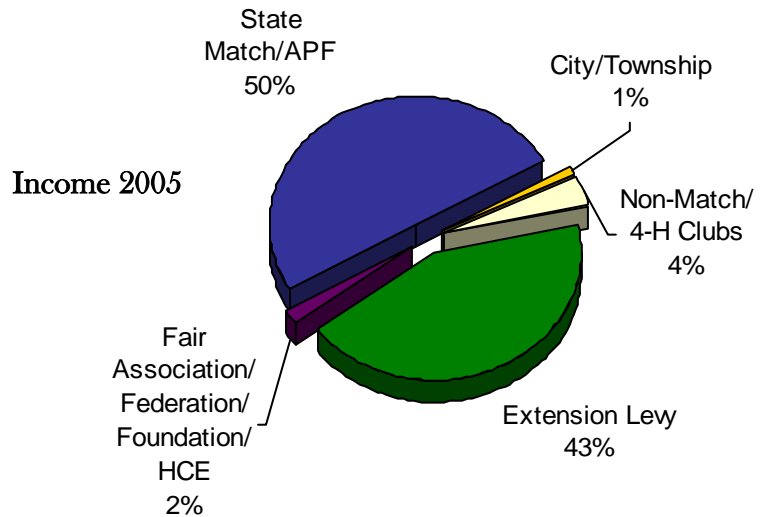
- 3 Grain Marketing Forum—Managing Price & Production Risks

**October**

- 2- 8 National 4-H Week

Through good financial management, terrific community support and solid partnerships with adjoining counties, Lee County Extension is pleased to continue offering quality programs to area youth and adults.

Thank you to all financial contributors, supporters and volunteers.



## 2005: A Year in Review

### Core Area: 4-H & . . .

#### Total participation in community clubs

348 4-H members in 16 clubs (ages 8-19) led by 67 adult volunteers

67 Cloverbud members in 8 clubs (ages 5-7) led by 10 adult volunteers

Event	Number participating
Food Bowl	60 youth representing 12 teams from 8 clubs
Project Pool	65 youth, 27 volunteers
4-H Camp	47 campers, 9 counselors from Lee County Total: 132 campers, 26 counselors from Ogle, Stephenson and Lee counties
Lee County 4-H Fair & Jr. Show	302 4-H members (89% of membership) and 47 Cloverbuds (79% of membership) exhibited

### . . . Youth Development

#### 4-H School Enrichment Programs

Earth Day is Everyday, Character Education, Health Fairs	3,796 youth
4-H Embryology	25 classrooms from 12 schools (569 youth)
Outdoor Stewardship Days	1,300 youth
Summer Youth Program	95 youth
Camp Clover Summer Day Camps (five week-long day camps for youth ages 8-12)	55 youth in Dixon, Amboy, Franklin Grove



### Focus on: Science Siesta

Science Siesta is . . .

a science lesson disguised as a pajama party! In 2005, the Discovery Center Children's Museum and Burpee Museum (Rockford) hosted more than 175 girls, grades 4-6, for a weekend pajama party. Into the wee hours Science Siesta participants met women working in the science industry—an urban ecologist and a vet detective. They conducted science experiments, toured the museums and developed friendships with other girls from counties in northwestern Illinois.

## Core Area: Agriculture/Natural Resources

Event	Number Participating
Pesticide Applicator trainings	90 producers
Agronomy workshops	150 producers
Distance Learning workshops	150 participants

### Focus On: Pesticide Applicator Training & Testing

More than 200 Lee County agriculture producers are certified or recertified each year in pesticide application. These training and testing seminars teach proper and safe use of pesticides. Participants are updated on current chemical and non-chemical pest control methods, and recognize their contribution to public health protection and environmental stewardship. Following training, applicators and operators are more likely to refer to pesticide labels, use safety equipment and calibrate application equipment.



### Lee County Master Gardeners

Each year from April to September, volunteer Master Gardeners answer nearly 300 homeowner phone calls regarding everything from insect identification and control to proper planting of perennials; from landscaping to appropriate tree selection; and the list goes on. This volunteer service saves Lee County Extension \$50,000 annually—the cost of keeping an individual with a masters degree in horticulture on staff full-time.

Event	Number participating
Homeowner calls	285
Ready, Set, Fall Ready, Set, Grow Pruning workshops	250 participants from Lee and surrounding counties

Five Lee County Master Gardeners were the recipients of the State Outstanding Master Gardener Award in 2005. To receive this award, a Master Gardener must have completed 120 hours of volunteer service. Criteria also includes participating in a leadership role in more than one Master Gardener project, directly or indirectly educating others and displaying a positive influence in the community and county. Congratulations to Maggie Oester, Cathy Reglin, Ken & Nancy Strock, and Mike Bloom-Vetillo.

## Core Area: Nutrition, Family & Consumer Sciences

### Total participating in the Family Nutrition Program

6,053 youth  
1,085 adults

Event	Number participating
HEA Lessons on Living	50 participants
Dining with Diabetes	approximately 100 participants

### Focus on: Family Nutrition Program

The University of Illinois Lee County Family Nutrition Program (FNP) is a nutrition education program focusing on nutrition, food safety, food preparation and food budgeting. Using research-based curriculum, all programs and information are geared for specific groups from preschoolers to adults. Programs provided by FNP are free! We provide all the food and educational materials. Lesson design will be adapted to suit each situation allowing for a series of lessons or for a single lesson.

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## Core Area: Community & Economic Development

Currently networking with the following organizations

- Amboy, Dixon & Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce
- City of Amboy
- Dixon Industrial Development Corporation
- Lee County Farm Bureau
- Lee County Health Department
- Lee County Housing Authority
- Lee County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Lutheran Social Services
- Sauk Valley Community College
- USDA—FSA/NRCS

Sandy Stiles, Unit Educator & Linda Cheeseman, Community Worker present to students at Outdoor Stewardship Days at Lowell Park. This annual event teaches students the value of environmental stewardship, and is coordinated by Lee County Soil & Water Conservation District.

