

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

- Two cotton variety demonstrations were harvested in Newellton and Waterproof.
- Five precision ag demonstrations on cotton were harvested and the data analyzed.
- Tensas Parish certified 62,164 acres of cotton with a yield of 784 lbs of lint/acre.
- Tensas Parish certified 35,088 acres of soybeans with a yield of 47 bushels/acre.
- A fire ant insecticide demonstration was applied on a pasture in Newellton.
- A cotton nematicide demonstration was harvested, the data analyzed and a prescription application prepared for 2010 with the results to be presented at the Beltwide Cotton Conference in January in New Orleans.
- Visited homeowners concerning their home landscape and garden problems and made recommendations.

MASTER FARMER PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Two Environmental Science class lectures were conducted to prepare students for a project designed for youth community involvement. Students will focus on a local environmental issue, conduct logical studies and, based on findings, identify and develop feasible solutions to the problem. Students will also learn through participation in meetings conducted by other agencies involved in similar environmental issues.

The Watershed ACE and Cotton ACE meetings were held with researchers, extension staff and other involved agencies to define future needs to be addressed related to Louisiana watersheds and cotton production.

Master Farmer Phase I training was conducted statewide via distance education on November 3 and 5 for row crop and livestock producers. Participants learned about the history of the Clean Water Act, TMDL's, Best Management Practices and general information related to environmental issues and stewardship.

23 agricultural producers completed all the requirements to become Certified Master Farmers. 14 of those producers are located in North Louisiana. The Louisiana Master Farmer Program will recognize those achieving this milestone at the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting in Baton Rouge in January.

A research project, funded by the Southern Rural Development Center, Farm Foundation, Everyday Democracy and the Kettering Foundation was initiated in Tensas Parish. The project serves to demonstrate the methodology of resolving community issues through open and fair discussions, utilizing study circles to bring communities together to make things happen.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Alphonse Coco and Daniel Adams placed 4th in the National Avian Quiz Bowl. They were awarded savings bonds.

Eleven Tensas 4-H'ers competed in livestock events at the State Fair Livestock Show in Shreveport. Two exhibitors qualified and participated in the North American International Livestock Exposition

in Louisville, Ky.

The annual 4-H Pumpkin Painting workshop was held at the Tensas Fall Music Festival. Youngsters learned the nutritional value and how to grow pumpkins, and had fun decorating a pumpkin and then got to take it home to enjoy!



Dylan Hopkins, state board SET member, organized a Science Engineering and Technology Club in Tensas Parish for 7th – 12th grades. The club meets monthly.

The 4-H Parish Commodity Cookery contest was held November 23rd. Winners will represent Tensas Parish in the Area Cookery Contest in March.



FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Weekly Sitter-Size (exercise classes) were held at the Tensas Parish Council on Aging sites in Newellton and St. Joseph.

Halloween Safety was taught to Newellton Elementary and Tensas Elementary students.

Proper hand washing techniques and the nutritional value of pumpkins were held in conjunction with the pumpkin painting held at the Tensas Fall Music Festival.

“Nutrition” was the topic for the October Mother/Daughter workshop class.

After school enrichment classes were taught at Tensas Elementary School.

A workshop on how to deal with finances was held in November for Mothers/Daughters.

“Bonding” was the topic for the December Mother/Daughter class.

Weekly parenting classes were held at the J.B. Evans Correction Center. The classes are taught to help deal with parenting issues.

Parents Preparing for Success (PPSP) classes were taught in Tensas and Madison Parishes weekly.

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