

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES



The cotton on the left was treated with Telone II, a nematicide, and the untreated is on the right.

Three cotton fertilizer demonstrations were applied which will be compared to the farmer's standard using yield monitor data and GIS analysis. The purpose of this demonstration is to educate farmers how to use yield monitor data.

Two cotton variety demonstrations were planted in Newellton and Waterproof.

A soybean variety demonstration was planted in Waterproof.

Tensas Parish certified 10, 817 acres of wheat for 2009.

Assisted with a soybean seeding rate + nematicide treatment on the Northeast Research Station. Reported the procedures used at the annual Field Day for the Northeast Research Station.

Visited homeowners concerning their home landscape and garden problems and made recommendations.

Assisted farmers with agronomic and pest issues during the growing season.

MASTER FARMER PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Phase I of the La. Master Farmer Program was conducted on April 7-8 for producers and cattlemen via distance education at multiple sites throughout the state, including Winnsboro and Oak Grove. The training consisted of 4 hours of general environmental education and 4 hours devoted to either row-crop or livestock producers.

The Wheat & Oat Field Day was held at the Macon Ridge Research Station on April 15 with over 50 attendees. James Hendrix provided an overview of the La. Master Farmer Program, encouraging producers to become involved.

Over 400 youth in Ouachita Parish schools learned the importance of good water quality and simple everyday things that would improve the quality of and conserve this valuable resource. A three-day workshop was conducted by James Hendrix on April 28,29 and 30 at Kiroli Park in conjunction with La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The La. Dept. of Environmental Quality conducted an EnviroSchool on May 27 in Monroe for those interested in the basics of water permits. James Hendrix, Area Agent in the Northeast Region, participated in the workshop.

Two Wild Woods Wanderings Committee meetings were held to plan the 2009 camps. Dates set were July 11-17 and July 25-31.

Camps were extended to seven-day camps to allow selected 2008 advanced campers to assist with teaching in planned camps.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Several youth from Tensas High School had the opportunity to learn about cooperatives and how they work by attending the Louisiana Youth Co-op Leadership Conference in April.

140 youth from all parish schools attended the 1st Tensas Progressive Ag Safety Day at the Tensas Ag Arena. Students rotated through 10 safety stations participating in hands-on activities on subjects including food safety, first aid, ATV safety, gun, weather and machine safety.

"Camp Grant Walker-It'll Grow On You" was the theme for summer 4-H camp at Camp Grant Walker. 20 Tensas youth participated in the week-long camping experience.



11 students attended 4-H University on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. 8 students competed in contests with one receiving a blue-ribbon. 3 students attended Clover College, participating in educational programs throughout the week. One student was

placed on the State Science, Engineering and Technology Board.

Three 4-H'ers attended 4-H Day at the Capitol in June and got to visit with Senator Francis Thompson.

Over 100 exhibitors and adults participated in the 2nd annual Tensas Beef Clinic held in June. Participants from 13 parishes had the opportunity to experience hands-on presentations on beef cattle nutrition, daily care, grooming, fitting, salesmanship and showmanship.



FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES



Tensas Council on Aging & Tensas Care & Rehabilitation Center senior citizens participated in a series of sitter-size exercise classes. The classes

are geared toward the special exercise needs of older adults.

Students attending Farm Safety Day learned ways to prevent food borne illnesses and how proper hand washing prevents the spread of disease.

A series of parenting classes are being taught at the J. B. Evans Correctional Center in Newellton. 32 are enrolled and expected to complete the series of lessons.



The LSU Body Walk program provided the opportunity for elementary students to learn about importance of making healthy choices and being physically active. 359 elementary students, 25 teachers and 14 volunteers took part in the program.

Academic enrichment program about child abuse awareness was presented to students in Tensas Parish schools.

Parents Preparing for Success (PPSP) was taught to nine participants for eight sessions this quarter.

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