

LSU AgCenter Jefferson Parish Profile

Report to Stakeholders January 2024



ABOUT THE LSU AGCENTER

The LSU AgCenter provides innovative research, information, and education to improve people's lives. Working in a statewide network of parish extension offices, research stations and academic departments, the LSU AgCenter helps Louisiana citizens make the best use of natural resources, protect the environment, enhance agricultural enterprises, and develop human and community resources.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Nutrition and Community Health

The Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and Flavors of Health programs address nutrition and health. Lessons are taught in schools, camps, head start facilities, Senior centers, libraries, and faith-based venues. Adults and youth representing many economic and cultural backgrounds benefit from lessons relating to portion sizes, food labels, food safety, dietary guidelines, physical exercise, healthy choices, and controlling and preventing chronic diseases.

Youth Development (4-H & EFNEP)

Three of Jefferson Parish's highlighted topics offered to youth included Health and Nutrition, and Environmental Education. These lessons were presented in series form and hands on learning field trips. 1,173 youth participated in the health and nutrition component while 1,509 youth participated in the environmental component, and 250 grew gardens at school.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Public interest continues in growing and teaching others to grow fresh produce which has resulted in a continuous demand for programs on home vegetable gardening, home fruit production, pollinator gardening, school gardening, and community vegetable gardening. Collaborations are built and leadership given to the development of wildflower gardens and walking paths. Presently there are 266 trained Master Gardeners who provided a total of 22,128 volunteer hours educating the public in areas relating to horticulture through projects including demonstration gardens at both LaSalle and Miley Playgrounds, pollination gardens, gardening seminars, and school gardens, workshops with town and parish departments relating to tree care. Our horticulturist continues to offer programs and resources to Jefferson residents, business owners, and community leaders to increase knowledge while demonstrating best practice horticultural techniques.



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PROGRAMS

Nutrition & Community Health

- Parents Preparing for Success.
- Family Resource Management.
- FNP-Family Nutrition Program.
- Nutrition and Health.

4-H & Youth Development

- School and Community Groups
- Summer Camps
- Library Programs
- Field Trips

Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Environment/Watersheds
- Horticulture/Lawn and Garden
- Pest Management

Fisheries & Coastal Issues

- Direct Marketing/Quality Control of Regional Fisheries Products
- Fishery Bycatch
- Off-Bottom Polyploid Oyster Production
- Coastal Recreational Shell fishing
- Bucktown Marina Development Com.
- Commercial Fishing: Alternative Oyster Culture Anchoring System
- Bivalve Market: Commercial Clam Project

WHOM WE REACH:

12,024 youth & 197,968 adults educated virtually and face to face.

HOW WE REACH THEM:

After-school programs, classroom clubs, series lessons, school enrichment, field days, demonstration gardens, workshops, lectures, publications, newsletters, website, and social media.

EXPANDING OUR EFFORTS:

792 volunteers from 4-H, EFNEP, Master Gardeners, Nutrition and Community Health.

PARISH FACTS:

LSU AgCenter county agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife, and animal enterprises to Jefferson Parish residents. The total dollar amount from these commodities were: Animal enterprises, \$872,073; aquaculture and wildlife, \$26,277,069; plant enterprises, \$32,012,802. Land area — 300.9 square miles; Population — 425,884; Population under 18 years old — 21.9%; Population 65 years old and over — 19.1%; Median household income — \$63,257; Persons below poverty — 15%

LOCAL ISSUES AND PLANS FOR THIS YEAR:

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Need for simple gardening programs with instructions for use in schools, parks, and retirement communities.
- Information on growing fruits and vegetables in school and home gardens.
- Address direct marketing of fishery products.
- Identify and research alternative bycatch fishery products.
- Collaborate with Commercial Fishing industry: Alternative Oyster Culture Anchoring System.

Nutrition and Community Health

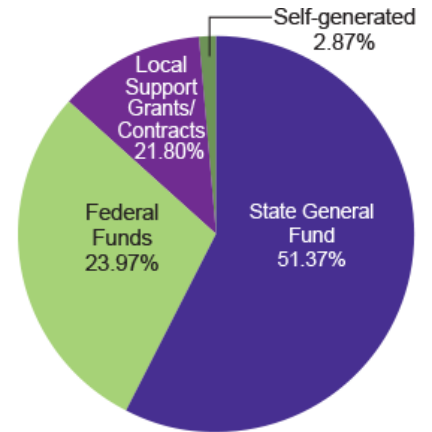
- Address barriers to healthy eating for residents in Jefferson parish relating to accessibility and affordability to healthy foods; lack of knowledge of identifying healthy food and drink; and introducing healthy meals that are quick and easy to prepare.

Youth Development

- Address Healthy Living
- Address Adulthood and Life Skills
- Provide printed information in the native language of our youth.



Extension Funding FY 2022-2023



HOW WE ARE FUNDED

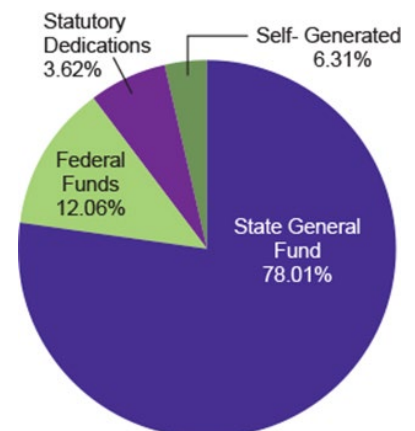
You are the local supporters and beneficiaries of the LSU AgCenter extension programs. Your support keeps these programs in your communities. Your parish extension office offers programs in:

Sustaining Louisiana agriculture, forestry, and fisheries.

Building leaders and good citizens through 4-H Youth Development.

Family, nutrition, and health to enhance the quality of life for Louisiana's citizens.

State Appropriated Funds FY 2022-2023



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