

LSU AgCenter Livingston Parish Profile

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ABOUT THE LSU AGCENTER

The LSU AgCenter is dedicated to providing 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

Monthly nutrition lessons conducted with Seniors at two Senior Meal Sites which focus on Eating Healthy and Physical Activity. The seniors also participate in the Break-up with Salt and Stay Independent Programs. Each program includes a food demonstration, tasting, and the distribution of resourceful literature. Collaborate with 4-H at Annual Events such as the Parish Cookery, 4-H Parish Project Training Day, Mini Cooking Camp and Summer Day Camp (PARDS). Install playground stencils at three Livingston Parish Elementary Schools.

4-H Youth Development

In Livingston Parish, 1,182 youth are enrolled in 36 school clubs and 1 community club to participate in the 4-H program. Through hands-on experiential learning, these youth acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society. They participate in competitions, workshops, project clubs, overnight and day camping activities, leadership, service-learning projects, and civic engagement opportunities. Shooting Sports, Livestock, Sewing, and Jr. Leader ae project clubs that are offered.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Residents and farmers receive information through one-on-one assistance, weekly news articles, and community presentations throughout the year. 20 new Master Gardener volunteers were trained and added to the Livingston Master Gardener Association. They provide support to agriculture educational support at community fairs and festivals, presentations at parish libraries, and community beautification projects. An educational workshop was held to provide updated information on best practices for strawberry growers. Additionally, support is provided to farmers applying for Good Agricultural Practices certification. Beef producers have programming opportunities offered through newsletters, a fall field day, and a spring tour. Forest Landowners gathered for their Annual Meeting and heard about the impacts of the drought on timber stands and solar farm installation for landowners.

PROGRAMS

4-H and Youth Development

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Animal Production.
- Beef Cattle.
- Horticulture/Lawn and Garden.
- Pest Management.
- Forestry.
- Strawberry.
- Commercial Vegetables

Nutrition and Community Health

- Healthy Communities
- SNAP-Ed.
- EFNEP.
- Flavors of Health.
- Farm to Fork Food Safety.
- Seafood Safety and Quality.

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WHOM WE REACH:

7,248 youth (includes 1,182 4-H members and 36 school 4-H Clubs, PARDS, and school programs)

37,413 adults (include agriculture and natural resources and nutrition and community health)

HOW WE REACH THEM:

4-H Clubs, school enrichment, field days, publications, newsletters, class series, demonstrations, website, social media and workshops.

EXPANDING OUR EFFORTS:

200 volunteers from 4-H, Master Gardeners, Nutrition and Community Health, Master Cattle Producers & Community and Master Horseman.

PARISH FACTS:

LSU AgCenter county agents provide research-based information on plant, animal, forestry, aquaculture, wildlife enterprises to Livingston Parish residents. The total dollar amount from these commodities were: Animal enterprises, \$28,481,349; aquaculture and wildlife, \$29,055,869; plant enterprises, \$36,920,755.

Land area — 1,254.92 square miles; Population — 139,567; Population under 18 years old — 25.6%; Population 65 years old and over — 13.2%; Median household income — \$60,456; Persons below poverty — 11.4%

LOCAL ISSUES AND PLANS FOR THIS YEAR:

Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana agriculture.

- Conduct beef field day and beef tour.
- Conduct forestry annual meetings and forestry tour.
- Write webpage content and seminars on agriculture practices.
- Conduct farm and home educational visits.

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

- Increase knowledge of Personal Development through monthly club meetings.
- Work to enhance the Jr. Leader program by recruiting new members. Jr. Leaders are working with community leaders and youth with disabilities to complete their service-learning project.
- Enhance the existing volunteer development program to include additional resources and incentives.

Strengthen families and communities.

- Classes/Workshops will be offered to empower individuals and families to make healthy food and fitness choices in Livingston Parish at Health Centers, Head-start Centers and Community Events.
- Flavors of Health Signature Programs will be offered to help individuals manage or prevent chronic diseases.



HOW IS EXTENSION FUNDED?

- Federal funding from the USDA/NIFA.
- State general funds from the Louisiana Legislature.
- Local support from parish government, including police juries and school boards.
- Self-generated funds.



WHAT ROLE DO YOU PLAY?

Our stakeholders at the parish level are the local supporters and beneficiaries of the LSU AgCenter cooperative extension programs. Their support keeps these critical programs in their communities.



EACH PARISH OFFERS PROGRAMMING IN:

- 4-H and Youth Development.
- Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- Nutrition and Community Health



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