

Winn Parish Profile

Report to Stakeholders October 2023

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

Family and Consumer Sciences

Winn Parish residents are greaouxing healthier in 2023!

- Students made homemade pickles and fresh salsa with vegetables from their school garden.
- Winns Healthy Communities contribute to the health and wellbeing of its citizens.
- Partnership took place with DOTD, securing \$1 million dollars for Winnfield sidewalk repairs and beautification project.

4-H Youth Development

4-H is a Youth Development Organization devoted to bringing innovative programs to youth across the nation. Focused on providing innovative Healthy Living programming, 4-H seeks to empower youth to make healthy choices and bring healthy habits to their families and communities. These principles will enable youth to continue on to live healthier lifestyles into adulthood. A Healthy Cents program was implemented and focused on MyPlate Guidelines, shopping for fruits and vegetables, eating out on a budget, saving money on healthy snacks, food budgeting and meal planning, and understanding unit pricing in grocery stores. Evaluation results were 87% stated they plan to eat the recommended number of fruits and vegetables, 90% plan to drink the recommended amount of water, 85% plan to stay physically active, and 83% plan to prepare healthy foods or snacks with family members.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Winn Parish is situated in North Central Louisiana with forestry and poultry being the two leading agronomic enterprises. In Winn Parish the LSU AgCenter has a strong influence on environmental and natural resource management. Programs like Ag Awareness, A Walk With Nature, Forestry Awareness and The Forestry Mill Tour reach over 1000 individuals in the parish that focus on natural resource management.

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PROGRAMS

4-H and Youth Development

Jr. Leadership
Shooting Sports
School Gardens
Livestock Club

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Pond Management.
- Animal Production.
- Beef Cattle.



- Forestry/Environmental.
- Horticulture/Lawn and Garden.
- Pasture/Forage.
- Fruit Production.
- Master Gardeners

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

- Family Resource Management.
- SNAP-Ed.
- CDC-Hop.
- Healthy Communities

WHOM WE REACH:

1350 youth per month (includes 1,250 4-H members and 18 school 4-H Clubs and 1,000 through family consumer sciences)
1900 adults per month (1500 through agriculture and natural resources and 400 through family consumer sciences)

HOW WE REACH THEM:

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

EXPANDING OUR EFFORTS:

200 volunteers from 4-H, Master Gardeners, family and community volunteer leaders.

PARISH FACTS:

LSU AgCenter county agents provide research-based information on plant, forestry, wildlife, and animal enterprises to Winn Parish residents. The total dollar amount from these commodities were: Animal enterprises, \$62,280,738; forestry and wildlife, \$75,983,194; plant enterprises, \$4,426,535.

Land area —950.00 square miles; Population —13,755; Population under 18 years old — 20.3%; Population 65 years old and over — 19.7%; Median household income — \$43,710; Persons below poverty — 26.8%

LOCAL ISSUES AND PLANS FOR THIS YEAR:

Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana agriculture.

- Conduct Forestry, Plant Science, and Animal Science field days and clinics.
- Conduct Master Gardener field days and clinics.
- Write news columns, do radio program, webpage content and seminars on agriculture practices.
- Conduct farm and home educational visits.

Promote the wide use of natural resources and protection of the environment.

- Before and after natural disasters conduct tree care seminars.
- Develop a comprehensive tree care program and tree best management practices plan for guidelines.

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

- Develop and implement service-learning projects throughout the parish.
- Work with local food pantry to provide items for those with food insecurities.
- Junior Leaders will work with the local civic clubs with parish and city projects, focus on life skill education, Operation Christmas Child, St. Jude and other youth development activities.

Strengthen families and communities.

- Teach families how to grow their own food sources to assist with food insecurity.
- Teach families how to eat healthy and incorporate physical activity habits.
- Build stronger communities through community-led events to bring everyone together for health and well-being.



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.
- Family and Consumer Sciences.



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