

Claiborne Parish Profile



Report to Stakeholders

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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 unique 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

4-H Youth Development

The Claiborne Parish 4-H Youth Development program provides opportunities for youth to develop a greater sense of belonging to their communities and peers. Workshops, trainings, trips, club meetings, and social activities are ways these youth learn and demonstrate the techniques and skills learned in 4-H. Of the 1,370 youth enrolled in public and private schools between the ages of 9 and 19, 30% are enrolled in 4-H (Source: Claiborne Parish School Board, Claiborne Academy, Mt. Olive Christian School).

The 2011-2012 educational focus for Claiborne Parish 4-H Club Meetings is S.A.F.E. (Sensible Advice For Everyone). Topics discussed included cyber bullying, how to have safer user names and passwords, safe posting, and general "sensible" use of technology sources such as social media, cell phones, and computers.

The Claiborne Junior Leaders adopted two foster children through the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) organization. During Christmas, the Junior Leaders collected presents for each child as well as gifts for the other 45 foster children in our CASA region. All clubs were encouraged to collect items to help the CASA organization.

Through a NRA grant in the amount of \$5500, the Claiborne Outdoors Skills program has been able to purchase supplies, targets, clays, and trap machines to enhance the skills of its members. The archery division of the Outdoor Skills program was also provided a grant for approximately \$2500 to purchase needed equipment.

Since 2003, approximately 3000 Claiborne Parish 6th grade youth have participated in hands-on activities during the annual Water Fest program. This program allows youth and adults to experience water conservation techniques, gain knowledge of the importance of the Sparta Aquifer, the affects of pollution on our water and develop strategies for personal conservation.

Ag and Natural Resources

The LSU AgCenter works closely with Producer's groups such as the Claiborne Parish Cattlemen's Association to provide quarterly meetings in which the Cattlemen are informed about issues such as best management practices, financial information regarding to Beef Cattle Production, and environmental concerns such as fertilizer runoff. Our office also works closely with Master Gardeners in our parish to address common homeowner horticultural issues.

Family, Nutrition & Health

Adult nutrition classes are held at both Claiborne Parish head start centers. Series of classes include nutrition lessons, cooking demonstrations and tasting new foods. Approximately twenty parents attend the series of four lessons that encourage balanced, budget friendly family meals.

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Programs

4-H Youth Development

Character Education
Leadership
Service Learning
Clover Buds

Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR)

Beef Cattle
Environment/Watersheds
Horticulture/Lawns and Gardens
Forest Management

Nutrition Education

We reach:

2000 Parish Youth (ages 5-19 years old)

- 420 4-H members in 19 Organizational Clubs, 6 Project Clubs

5,024 Adults

- 3,500 Ag & Natural Resources
- 1,524 Nutrition Education

How we reach them:

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| 4-H Clubs | Class Series |
| School Enrichment | Demonstrations |
| Field Days | Workshops |
| Newsletters | Web Sites |
| Publications | Social media |

Expanding our efforts through Volunteers

4-H Families, Community Service Clubs, Master Gardeners, Cattlemen, Claiborne Fair Association, Claiborne 4-H Foundation, Claiborne Parish Police Jury, Claiborne Parish School Board,

Parish Facts

LSU AgCenter Agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to Claiborne Parish clientele.

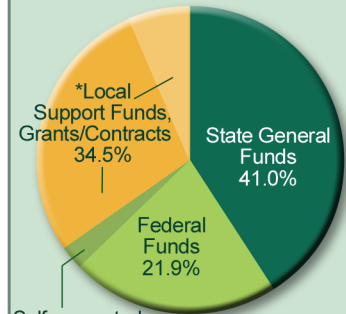
The 2010 total dollar amount from these commodities were:

- Plant enterprises - \$38,408,979
- Aquaculture and wildlife - \$1,720,650
- Animal enterprises - \$107,721,738

(Data from the Louisiana Ag Summary)
Web site: LSUAgCenter.com/agsummary

- Population - 17,195
 - Land area (square miles) - 755
 - Persons under 18 years old - 20%
 - Persons 65 years old and over - 16%
 - Median household income - \$32,292
 - Persons below poverty - 27%
- (Data taken from 2010 U.S. Census Bureau)

Extension Funding FY 2012



*Local Funding
Claiborne Parish Police Jury and
Claiborne Parish School Board

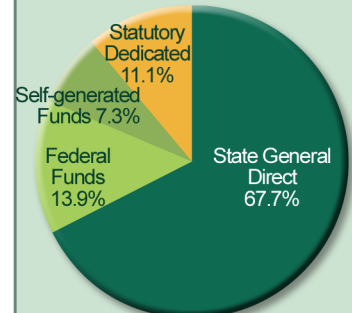
How we are funded.

You are the local supporters and beneficiaries in the LSU AgCenter's Extension programs. Just 20 percent support keeps these programs in your community.

Your parish extension office offers programs in:

- Sustaining Louisiana's agriculture, forestry and fisheries.
- Building leaders and good citizens through 4-H youth development.
- Family, nutrition, health and community development to enhance the quality of life for Louisiana citizens.

LSU AgCenter State Appropriated Funds FY 2012



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LSUAgCenter.com

Local Issues & Plans for this year.

1. Increase productivity and profitability of Agriculture in Claiborne Parish.

- Create a better link between Agricultural Research and Beef and Timber Producers by conducting Research Update Meetings and Trainings on Best Management Practices.
- Provide Home and Commercial Vegetable Producers with research based information to increase quality and yield, and conduct trainings on new marketing techniques.



2. Promote the wise use of natural resources and protection of the environment.

- Sparta Aquifer education for all parish 6th grader students at annual Water Fest.
- Implement Best Management Practices with timber producers, and educate livestock producers about the effects of animal waste runoff on our environment.



3. Develop leaders and good citizens through 4-H Programs

- All youth programs will incorporate character education and the development of respect, responsibility, caring, trustworthiness, and fairness

4. Strengthen families and communities

- FNP clients will receive training on feeding their families nutritionally on a budget
- Partner with Community Services, David Raines Community Health Center, Cadenhead Community Housing, Homer Housing Authority to provide nutrition lessons, cooking demonstrations and food tastings