

Caldwell 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

Family & Consumer Sciences

Individuals and families today deal with multiple issues in raising children, eating right and spending smart in order to live well. Parenting education programs are presented to clients and teach skills needed to raise children from birth through adolescence. Job readiness and basic money skills are taught to help clients make better decisions upon entering the workforce. Nutrition programs taught are designed to help clientele increase their nutrition knowledge which in turn helps them live a healthier lifestyle.



4-H Youth Development

The 339 youth enrolled in 4-H, grades 4-12, meet monthly and have the opportunity to learn and practice parliamentary procedure, gain information about club contests, events and camps and learn from demonstrations presented by their peers and 4-H staff. Club meeting programs included leadership, safety, gardening and agriculture. Two project clubs meet monthly, the Junior Leadership Club, grades 7-12 and the Fashion, Food and Fitness Club. Junior Leaders learn skills in leadership and citizenship and practice those skills by becoming more engaged in 4-H and their community through community service and service learning experiences. Members of the Fashion, Food and Fitness Club, grades 4-6, are engaged in experiential learning activities on the topics of nutrition, fitness, fashion and grooming related topics.



Agriculture & Natural Resources

Caldwell Parish is a rural parish that has row crops and timber for the bulk of its income. Many producers raise cattle to subsidize their income. The LSU AgCenter along with the NRCS provide producers with research based information taken from variety test plots planted in the parish to better prepare them for the growing season. Producers learned about pasture management and pesticides and will be able to take better care of their pastures to produce higher quality animals for the market place. Corn and soybeans are becoming more prevalent in the parish because of the initial cost of planting cotton.

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Programs

4-H and Youth Development

•Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR)

Agricultural Crop Production

Corn, Soybeans and Grain Crops, Cotton, Rice

Animal Production

Beef Cattle, Horses, Poultry,

Sheep and Goats, Swine

Environment/Watersheds

Horticulture/Lawns and

Gardens

Pest Management

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS)

Family Development

Parents Preparing for Success

Family Resource Management

FNP - Family Nutrition Program

Nutrition and Health

Who we reach.

1,764 - Youth (includes youth reached through 4-H and FNP programs)
 1,075 - Adults
 550 Ag & Natural Resources
 525 Family Consumer Sciences

How we reach them:

4-H clubs	Class series
School Enrichment	Demonstrations
Field days	Workshops
Newsletters	Web sites
Publications	

Expanding our efforts:

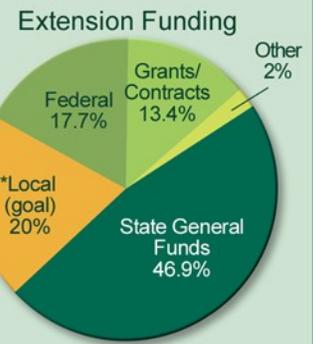
18 Volunteers -
 4-H Youth Development

Parish Facts

LSU AgCenter County Agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to Caldwell Parish clientele. The 2011 total dollar amount from these commodities were:
 — Plant enterprises - \$6,079,636.00
 — Fisheries and Wildlife - \$1,857,932.50
 — Animal enterprises - \$3,089,092.50

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

Population - 10,132
 Land area (square miles) - 529.43
 Persons under 18 years old - 23.4%
 Persons 65 years old and over - 14.8%
 Median household income - \$37,423
 Persons below poverty - 21.9%



**The Caldwell office is funded locally by the Caldwell Parish Police Jury and Caldwell Parish School Board. The Police Jury provides an office and 10% of Caldwell employee's salaries. The Caldwell Parish School Board provides 5% of employee's salaries.*

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.

Local Issues & Plans for this year.

1. The LSU AgCenter will continue to educate the public on the benefits of producer agriculture.

- Public meetings on agriculture
- Conduct farm and home educational visits
- 2. Continue educating producers on glyphosate alternatives and other farm chemicals
- 3. Continue research on the small grains being grown in our parish with on-site farm variety demonstrations
- 4. Provide public with more information on forestry, the primary source of agriculture income for Caldwell Parish
- 5. Inform producers on all aspects of beef cattle production



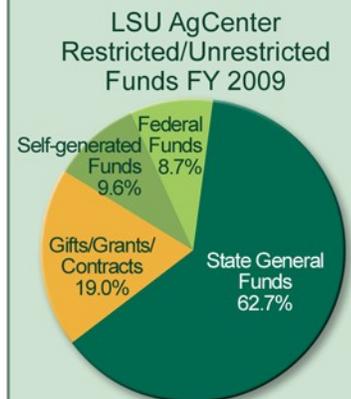
6. Develop leaders and productive citizens through 4-H youth development.

- 4-H youth gained skills in safety and leadership including communication, public speaking, team building and parliamentary procedure. Project club members have the opportunity for more in-depth study of specific projects and to become involved in community affairs.
- 7. Provide information on small animal 4-H projects due to the high cost of feed and hay deterring members from participating in large animal 4-H projects



8. Strengthen families and communities

- FNP clients will receive training on eating healthy, nutritious food, food safety, budgeting food dollars and adopting healthy weight management practices.
- Youth will participate in the Smart Body, Body Walk. Students from kindergarten through sixth grade will learn the importance of eating healthy food and how it effects the body.
- Youth and adults will learn about eating balanced diets, reducing salt, sugar and fat in meals and gain knowledge on the prevention of chronic diseases.



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