

# 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, Nutrition and Health

Individuals and families today deal with multiple issues in raising children, eating right and spending smart in order to live well.

Nutrition programs taught are designed to help clientele increase their nutrition knowledge which in turn helps them live a healthier lifestyle. Youth participating in the Let's Eat For the Health of It program learn the importance of making healthier choices

and the harmful effects of eating food high in calories, fat and sugar over an extended period of time. WIC clients learn how to stretch their food dollars by participating in food preparation demonstrations using ingredients that can be purchased with their WIC vouchers.



#### 4-H Youth and Family Development

The 375 youth in grades 4-12 enrolled in the Caldwell 4-H program 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 include leadership, safety, work force preparation, fitness and health, gardening and agriculture. Two project clubs meet monthly, the Junior Leader Club for grades 7-12 and 4-H Shooting Sports for grades 4-12. Junior Leaders learn skills by becoming more engaged in 4-H and their community through community service and service learning experiences. Shooting Sports members engage in activities that develop self-discipline and promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.



#### Agriculture and Natural Resources

Caldwell Parish is a rural parish that has row crops and timber for the bulk of its income with many producers raising cattle to subsidize their income. The LSU AgCenter provides producers with research based information taken from variety test plots planted in the parish to better prepare them for the growing season. Producers learn about pasture management and pesticides which enables better care of their pastures producing higher quality hay and animals for the market place. Producers are growing more corn and soybeans in the parish due to the rising costs associated with growing cotton.



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### Programs

#### •4-H Youth Development

Citizenship / Leadership  
Science, Engineering and  
Technology (SET)  
Healthy Living

#### •Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR)

Agricultural Crop Production  
Corn, Soybeans and Grain  
crops, Cotton, Rice  
Animal Production  
Beef cattle, Horses, Poultry,  
Goats and Sheep, Swine  
Environment / Watersheds  
Horticulture / Lawns and  
Gardens  
Pest Management

#### •Family, Nutrition and Health

Let's Eat For the Health Of It  
Eat Smart, Live Strong  
Happy Healthy Me  
T.W.I.G.S.  
Community Nutrition

**Who we reach.**

1,715 - Youth  
(includes youth reached through 4-H and SNAP-Ed programs)

1,021 - Adults  
582 Ag & Natural Resources  
439 Family Consumer Sciences

**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:**

41 Volunteers - 4-H Youth Development, Family and Community, Master Gardeners

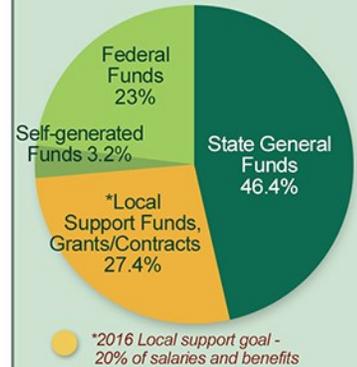
**Parish Facts**

LSU AgCenter County Agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to Caldwell Parish clientele. The 2015 total dollar amount from these commodities were:  
—Plant enterprises - \$32,432,969  
—Aquaculture and wildlife - \$2,097,566  
—Animal enterprises - \$9,138,739

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

- Population - 10,087
- Land area (square miles) - 529.43
- Persons under 18 years old - 22.8%
- Persons 65 years old and over - 16.6%
- Median household income - \$33,294
- Persons below poverty - 22.9%

**Extension Funding FY 2016**



**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 and health 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.**

- Conduct 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 the 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**

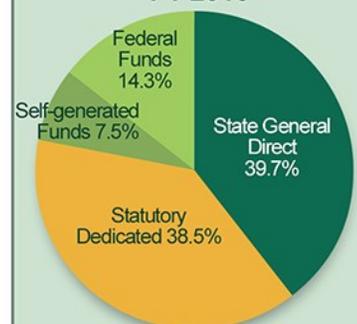
- 4-H youth gained skills in safety and leadership including communication, public speaking, team building and parliamentary procedure. Project club members have the opportunity for more in-depth study of specific projects and to become involved in community affairs.
7. Provide information on small animal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

- SNAP-Ed clients receive training on eating healthy, nutritious food, budgeting food dollars, food safety and adopting healthy weight management practices.
- Students from kindergarten through fifth grade learn the importance of eating healthy food and how it effects the body through the Happy Healthy Me and Let's Eat For the Health of It nutrition curriculums.
- Youth and adults learn about eating balanced diets, reducing salt, sugar and fat in meals and gain knowledge on the prevention of chronic diseases.



**LSU AgCenter State Appropriated Funds FY 2016**



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