Priority Program Efforts

• A total of _68____people are now involved in addressing significant community issues
• __51____youth made an impact in their community through service projects
• __79___local residents implemented practices that promote sustainable agriculture
• _173__Producers reported an economic impact (i.e., increase in agricultural productivity, increase in higher returns, decrease in expenses) in their agricultural operations
• __538____youth indicated an increase in leadership skills, knowledge or confidence through participation in Extension-related leadership programs
• _469____citizens (youth & adults) acknowledged utilizing the skills learned through Extension programming
• A total of__210___ individuals reported making lifestyle changes (diet, exercise, managing stressors, healthy home practices, etc.) for the purpose of improving their health
• A total of __215____youth and adults demonstrated informed and effective decision-making skills
• __116___individuals incorporated new or additional conservation practices.

4-H Livestock grows significantly by Mary McCarty

4-H Livestock is a fun family oriented activity where kids get outside for most of the summer. It teaches kids responsibility, self-confidence, public speaking, and time management to name a few. Elliott County program just finished its 9th year. Participation has increased with 34 kids to 61 kid’s receiving education in the last year. The program has had kids go on to other shows as well. Even this year having kids place and win at the KY State Fair. The future of the program is very bright. This year even was a two day show. Kids show a calf, sheep, goat, pig, chicken, or rabbit. They have the opportunity to sell the animal at the end of the show. 2014 Auction receipts were $22,500. All funds going to benefit kids. "I've learned a lot from the livestock program. I think the most important thing is how and what to feed them so they are healthy”—Isaac Harris, 4-H Livestock member
**Master Gardener**

Every spring Ag Agent, Mary McCarty, goes to the Little Sandy Correctional Complex and teaches a 12 week program at the prison. Inmates learn the fundamentals of how plants grow, landscaping techniques, and pesticide safety to name a few. Each participant gets an Applicator Pesticide License at release from jail. To date the program has graduated 53 Master Gardener from the program.

**Youth Development through 4-H Service by Beth Logan Hale**

- With the goal of developing Kentucky’s youth, the Elliott 4-H Program has emphasized leadership education through civic engagements. All 4-H Programs and Activities encompass community service, leadership, and overall youth development.
- At the advisement of the Elliott County Extension Council all 4-H Programs offer community service and leadership opportunities. As a result of teen participation in 4-H:
  - Three 4-Her's have secured leadership scholarships to attend college in the fall of 2015.
  - Three 4-Her's have been invited and participated in the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program.
  - Five 4-Her's have met their community service requirements to support the UK Robinson Scholars Program.
  - Twelve teens have raised funding for the county 4-H Program.
  - More than 300 hours of community service have been provided to Elliott County citizens.
  - Two teens have taken leadership roles and received training to coach 4-H Shooting Sports.
  - One teen is serving as an Ambassador for the KY 4-H Shooting Sports Program and offering to lead other counties across Kentucky in starting a program.
  - Nineteen teens spent over forty hours mentoring younger 4-Her's.

**Partnership for a Healthy Elliott County by Gwenda Johnson and Rhonda Reynolds**

Comprised of volunteers and agencies dedicated to improving the health of Elliott County, the partnership sponsored four major educational programs; three of them added money into the local economy through the Farmers’ Market.

- **Fun in the Golden Years** – A full day of concurrent sessions emphasizing physical fitness and nutrition education was attended by 40 people over 50. Each participant received $20.00 in certificates to spend at the Elliott county Farmers’ Market.
- **Take Ownership of your Diabetes** was taught over two days. 16 people completed the program. Each received 25.00 in certificates to be spent exclusively at the Elliott County Farmers’ Market.

Above Ignazio demonstrates the right size and method for shaping meat balls.

- The Annual Cooking School emphasized healthy cooking the Italian Way. Ignazio Graziosi, a PhD candidate at the University of Kentucky, from Bologna Italy taught the two night session.
- **Healthy Shopping** by reading labels was attended by 28 people. Each received a $10.00 certificate to spend exclusively at the farmers’ market.

Through FCS programs $1,480.00 went directly to local farmers through the Elliott County Farmers’ Market. It also encouraged 84 people and their families to increase fresh fruits and vegetables to their diet.

"The extension office is really the glue that holds our community together, it's a place to network and get to know others. Sometimes, the community can pull together to accomplish things... one person can't do alone. The Extension Service makes that happen through your wonderful programs". – Michelle Wallace – Small Business owner and community volunteer.