

# Your Prairie County

## Cooperative Extension Service

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## Annual Update

### **2024 Prairie County Extension Outreach**

59,656 Total Educational Contacts

3,998 Total Volunteer Hours

\$152,580 Value of Volunteer Time (\$33.49 per hour)

### **Agriculture and Natural Resources**

4,262 Direct Educational Contacts

254 Farm/Site Visits

15 Demonstrations

27 Master Gardener Members

9 Master Gardener Projects

724 Volunteer Hours Valued at \$24,246.76



#### **Key Programs and Activities Conducted:**

- 19,263 Acres enrolled in the DD50 Rice or Corn Program
- 15,805 Acres Soil Sampled, and 1,295 Soil Samples Submitted
- Facebook Page: 251 Direct Contacts, 4,368 Indirect Contacts, 4,619 Total Contacts
- 65 Private Applicators Trained In-Person
- IPM Insect Traps: 4 Southwestern Corn Borer Traps, 2 Corn Earworm Traps
- Monthly Online Newsletter: 47 Recipients, 43 Opens
- Crop Production Meeting: 73 Attendees

### **Community and Economic Development**

474 Direct Educational Contacts

#### **Key Programs and Activities Conducted:**

- 350 Ballot Issue Books distributed for the 2024 Election
- 2024 Voter Education/ Ballot Issue Displays located at Des Arc Courthouse, De Valls Bluff Courthouse, Prairie County Fair, and Rice Festival
- Voter Education Activity at Hazen High School Constitution Day
- Staffed Educational Booths at County Fair, Rice Festival, Senior Center Field Day
- Conservation Day and Wildlife Education for Youth
- Participated in Fair Parade, Christmas Parade, Des Arc Elementary Fall Festival, Hazen Trunk or Treat, Hazen and Des Arc Elementary Professional Development



## **Family and Consumer Sciences**

2,766 Direct Education Contacts  
44 Extension Homemakers Members, 5 Clubs  
3 70-year+ EHC members  
3,355 Volunteer Hours Valued at \$112,359

### **Key Programs and Activities Conducted:**

- Extension Get Fit – 5 Participants enrolled  
2 certified volunteer leaders
- Innovative Cooking Solutions Demonstrations
  - Air Fryer – 2 sessions Des Arc and Hazen Public Libraries
  - Insta Pot – 2 sessions Des Arc and Hazen Public Libraries
  - Crockpot – 2 Sessions Des Arc and DVB Public Libraries
- Serve Safe Certification Classes
  - Manager - 5 certified
  - Food Handler – 6 certified
- SNAP-Ed Adult Nutrition Education – Lessons, newsletters, and/or displays provided to DHS, school parents, commodity distribution, Senior Centers and Christopher Homes Housing Authority.
- Youth FCS Educational Programming:
  - Get Real Here's the Deal – Des Arc Junior Class
  - Food Preservation – Hazen High School FACS Classes
  - County Fair Promotion – Hazen and Des Arc High School FACS Classes



## **4-H Youth Development**

2,498 Direct Educational Contacts  
41 4-H Members, 2 Certified Volunteers  
4 Community Clubs  
477 Volunteer Hours valued at \$15,975  
3,596 Direct Facebook Contacts  
41,633 Indirect Facebook Contacts

### **Key Programs and Activities Conducted:**

- 22 Library Programs in Des Arc and De Valls Bluff
- County Events
  - 4 County Camps: Garden Camp – Jr and Cloverbud; Space Camp – Jr and Cloverbud
  - Poultry Chain and 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Auction – 16 youth
  - 3 Day Trips: Museum of Discovery & AGAF, Little Rock Zoo, Echo Duck Calls & ASU Vet Tech Program
  - Farmer for a Day at the County Fair – 56 Youth participants, 15 Teen Volunteers
- In School programs
  - Pre-K Programs – 10 sessions at Hazen and Des Arc Schools
  - Des Arc Elementary Field Day – 358 Youth
  - Wildlife Habitat – Hazen 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- \$3,223 raised to support the Prairie County 4-H Program
- \$5,000 Grant from America's Farmers Grow Communities

