

Program Impacts:

- 5 youth attended State 4-H Roundup
- 85 adults and youth attended the 4-H Awards Party at the river
- Collingsworth County Farm Bureau will again sponsor 4-H enrollment for all youth in the 2015-2016 4-H year
- 12 producers attended a cattle production meeting
- Attended International Cotton School

Collingsworth County

Mission Statement

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4-H and Youth Development

Throughout June youth participated in several camps; ten youth and one adult volunteer attended Fish N Fun Camp at Mesa Vista Ranch and five youth and one adult volunteer attended Caprock Canyon Camp. During these camps they learned about fishing, safety around water and outdoors, and about wildlife. Five youth and two adult volunteers attended State 4-H Roundup in College Station in June to compete in their respective qualifying events. Youth competed in Beef Quiz Bowl, Consumer Decision Making and Share the Fun– Solo/Band Performance. Eight youth completed a week-long Quilting Project workshop in June. They learned how to piece together squares, sew straight lines, and they ended up with a homemade quilt at the end of the week. An Arts and crafts camp was held over a two-day period in June. Thirteen members participated; they made tie-dyed shirts, stained glass window art pieces and American flag decorations out of pallets and paint. Livestock projects for 4-H members started up again; steer validation was held at the end of June with seven steers being validated for six youth. Goat and lamb project searches began and validation tags were ordered. Shooting Sports began to wrap-up during this time period. Both the District and State Shoot were held in July along with weekly practices continuing to happen. Four youth attended the District shoot, and brought home honors within their respective age divisions; three youth attended the State Shoot in San Antonio. Twelve members learned the basics of canning and preserving food during the Food Preservation Workshop, and thirteen members learned the basics of cake decorating in the first of the Cake Decorating Workshop series. Eighty-five parents, volunteers and 4-H members attended the annual awards party at the river. Youth and volunteers were honored for their achievements throughout the year! During the summer months several programs were conducted at the Wellington Opportunity Center including a hydroponics program where attendees planted their own garden in recycled soda bottle and an Edible Aquifer program teaching about how our aquifer system works and where our water comes from using ice cream floats!





Agriculture and Natural Resources

Seven crop trials were placed in Collingsworth County and monitored throughout the season. A dryland RACE trial, an irrigated RACE trial, a peanut variety trial, a peanut cropping system trial, a DOW system trial with experimentals and a Velum Total trial in both cotton and peanuts were started. The data off of these trials will be gathered and distributed to producers to better inform them of their options in this area. In June a cattle production meeting was held in conjunction with Merck Animal Health and Bawcom Supply. Twelve producers and industry professionals gathered to learn the impacts of fly control and implants in their cattle herds. Throughout the season the sugarcane aphid became an issue across much of the area. Efforts to educate producers through one-on-one visits and site visits to scout fields alongside owner/operators were conducted. I had the opportunity to attend the International Cotton School held in Lubbock during the first two weeks of August. The school showed the production of cotton from plant to yarn to fabric and expanded my understanding where each type of cotton and quality of cotton fit into the spectrum. During the second week the focus was on the cotton market and the different factors that play into marketing and selling the product. Issues affecting the cotton market were discussed in greater depth, including the issue of China holding stocks and the case with Brazil in the WTO that affected the Farm Bill for growers in the US. The information received through attendance of the school will be utilized to encourage producers to produce quality cotton and consider options when marketing and selling their cotton to make the most profit on their crop.



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