

Extension Education in Donley County

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Through a well-organized network of professional educators and some 100,000 trained volunteers, Extension delivers practical research-based knowledge to Texans in all 254 counties. Our expertise and educational outreach pertain to the food and fiber industry, natural resources, family and consumer sciences, nutrition and health, and community economic development. Among those served are the hundreds of thousands of young people who benefit annually from Extension's 4-H and youth development programs.

Texans turn to Extension for solutions. Its agents and specialists respond not only with answers, but also with resources and services that result in significant returns on investment to boost the Texas economy. The agency custom-designs its programs to each region of the state, relying on residents for input and for help with program delivery. Here are just a few highlights of Extension's impacts on this county and its people:

Donley County – Summary of 2012 Educational Contacts

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service plays a vital role in Donley County. We provide practical research based information and educational programs to help individuals, families, and businesses improve their lives and to address issues of concern. The information provided through educational programs, activities and individual contact promote economic development, environmental stewardship, family health and well being, youth development, and agricultural profitability. We respond to the residents who come to us for information and educational services, and to reach out and meet local educational needs. Our educational focus begins with the four major programming areas of **Agriculture, Family and Consumer Science, 4-H and Youth Development, and Community Economic Development.**

During 2012, the county Extension Staff in Donley County:

*Involved citizens in program development committees to help determine needs to plan, deliver and evaluate educational programs.

* Attracted participation from citizens from diverse backgrounds.

*Educated residents through mass media, information letters, publications, and personal contacts in the office and on site.

*Trained and involved volunteers, both youth and adults, to help facilitate and extend program delivery to a broader and larger audience.

*Cooperated with other agencies, organizations, groups and individuals to identify issues specific to Donley County and develop solutions to addressing them through cooperative educational efforts

Contacts by Faculty:

Faculty-	645
Faculty & Volunteers-	2291
Individual contacts-	10888

Contacts by Volunteers:

Group methods-	125
Individual Contacts-	2637

News Letters/ Announcements:

Marketing and Promotion -	2432
Educational-	350

Total of all Contacts: 19368

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Donley County Cotton and Peanut Weed and Disease Management 2012
Leonard Haynes CEA- AG/NR Donley County

Agribusiness remains the leading source of income in Donley County with crop and forage production ranking second behind beef cattle production with 84,000 acres in cultivation. Primary crops include Cotton, Peanuts, Alfalfa, Wheat, Vegetables and Forages. Among these crops grown cotton and peanuts are the primary crops grown with average sales of \$4.2 million and \$3.3 million respectively that are grown over 17,000 acres. With changing seed and chemical technologies and phasing out of traditional chemicals it will be necessary for Texas AgriLife Extension in Donley County to provide educational resources and opportunities for producers to make economical decisions to maintain economic stability on their operations. The Donley county Ag committee identified Cotton and Peanut disease and weed related issues as a topic of concern to be addressed through educational programs, literature and result demonstrations in 2012.

Program Response: In 2012 I met with the Donley County Ag Committee three times on April 17th, August 22nd and November 27th to review evaluation feedback of programs conducted to address crop production management concerns and issues that Donley County crop producers were dealing with to assist me with determining program needs. I also utilized a crop demonstration task force consisting of key cotton and peanut producers, local seed, chemical and fertilizer dealer and Extension Specialist to fine tune and select result demonstration cooperators and demonstration needs related to variety selection and disease control.

Target Audience: A target audience of 35 irrigated and dry land, cotton and peanut producers were identified by the Donley County Ag Committee to be reached through this program.

Resources Acquisition: Several resources were needed to effectively deliver educational programs and result demonstrations identified as a need in Donley County. I obtained land and farm equipment resources from crop demonstrators to establish result demonstrations. I worked with cotton seed companies (Bayer Crop Science, Stoneville, Delta Pine, Americot /Nexgen Phytogen) to obtain 27 bags of seed with an average cost of \$300/ bag (\$8,100 average total value). I obtained an additional \$1500 through program sponsors to assist with program meals, facilities and educational resource materials.

Educational Task: Based on committee and taskforce feedback I addressed the following educational needs identified through educational program meetings, newsletters, media outlets and result demonstration trials.

Marketing: I published the Donley County Ag newsletter that was sent out on a quarterly basis to 50 producers to provide information related to educational programs available to producers and address information on cotton and peanuts varieties, weed and disease. I also publicized meetings and educational information through local newspaper and radio outlets.

North West Texas AG Conference I worked with 3 surrounding county agents to host the Northwest Texas Ag Conference on January 13, 2012 in Clarendon with 49 producers in attendance. Producers received information on the following topics of watering for 2012 by Nick Kenny, Cotton Diseases presented by Jason Woodward, Weed Control solutions by Peter Dotray and soil testing By Sr. Agronomist with servi-tech Laboratories. Pesticide Laws and regulations were addressed by TDA Reps and seed and chemical companies presented industry updates.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Donley & Collingsworth County Peanut Workshop: I worked with Collingsworth County Agent to conduct a peanut production workshop on March 2nd 2012 in Quail that 28 producers attended. Producers received information from Extension Specialist Jason Woodward and Calvin Trostle related to peanut varieties, peanut disease and fertility practices to assist them. Shelly Nutt from the Texas peanut producer board and Bob White from the National peanut producers' board gave legislative and industry updates.

Donley County Cotton Peanut Seed meetings: I was invited to attend a cotton seed meeting on March 7th and a Peanut meeting on March 20th where I shared results of demonstrations conducted in 2011 with local producers who also received information on available cotton Peanut seed varieties that looked good for the area and additional varieties available for various cotton diseases from cotton and Peanut seed reps.

Result Demonstrations: I worked with a crop demonstration task force of cotton and peanut producers, Extension specialist and seed companies such as Bayer Crop Science, Delta Pine, Americot / Nexgen, and Phytogen to determine demonstrations. During the month of May I worked with 4 Demonstrators and extension specialist to establish a Peanut Verticillium trial on May 1st, a Cotton verticillium trial on May 10th and an Irrigated cotton trial with 18 varieties on the May 19th. These Demonstrations were evaluated throughout the growing season with producers and also showcased during our annual crops tour

Donley County Crops Tour: I worked with result demonstration cooperators and ag committee members to mark plots and identify tour stops for the crops tour that was held on September 18th with 16 producers in attendance to review cotton and peanut demonstrations and listen to area seed reps from Dow, Bayer, Monsanto and Nexgen talk about specific traits and Jason Woodward extension plant pathologist also talked about peanut and cotton disease trials in the county I also utilized crop demonstrators/Ag committee members as speakers and promoters of the tour.

Individual Consultations: I conducted numerous one on one site, phone and office consultations with crop producers throughout the growing season (April – October) to address crop issues as they came about. I worked with extension subject matter specialist to assist producers in identifying and addressing the issue and also provided them with extension publications that also address particular issues.

Program Results and Interpretation: As a result of these programming efforts a total of 92 producers were reached at least 1 or multiple times in 2012 through Ag newsletters, turn row meetings one on one consultations and educational program events. Programs were evaluated through retrospective post surveys following each meeting to gain feedback on the success of the meeting and to determine educational needs for future programming. In an effort to evaluate overall program results I targeted 15 producers representing 7600 cultivated acres that had attended at least 75% of the educational programs to measure knowledge gained and intention to adopt. Of the 15 evaluated 14 (93%) responded with feedback. The results are as follows: 92% indicated that their knowledge level had increased from the Extension educational programs greatly and 8% (1) somewhat 100% indicated that the information addressed was of economic importance to them. Based on the cotton and peanut trial results 92% indicated that they planned to utilize extension trial results over seed company data when determining varieties to plant next year. Of the survey participants 71% had already utilized extension results in their planting decision in 2012 The Overall importance of the information provided was timely and relevant on their operations 100% indicated these efforts need to be addressed in 2013 to gather more information on effectiveness of new technologies.. These program results were interpreted to the Donley

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County Ag Committee, Leadership Advisory Board, Commissioners Court, local producers Seed and Chemical Representatives, and key stakeholders.

Additional programming efforts in the area of Ag and Natural Resources:

Private Pesticide Applicator License certification- On April 28th I conducted certification training at Clarendon College for 35 individuals consisting of Clarendon College Students and 8 Donley County AG producers. Participants received information on Laws and Regulations Integrated Pest Management Drift Minimization and safety procedures when handling or applying pesticide product. Following the conclusion of the training a Texas Department of Agriculture representative administered the certification exam. Also in relation to Pesticide applicators I worked on a one on one basis with several producers to obtain continuing education unit hours and handling license renewal procedures.

Beef Cattle Production - On November 15th I held a beef cattle seminar that addressed new regulatory requirements that were going to take effect in the future and procedures beef producers would need to follow to adhere to the guidelines. Topics also included beef herd health management and nutritional management that were discussed in detail by local veterinarian and Extension Beef Cattle Specialist. Along with these speakers Pfizer animal health discussed their available line of vaccinations and sponsored the meal. I addressed the protocol of testing forages for toxicity levels related to cyanide and nitrate levels. Also in the area of beef cattle management I worked one on one with numerous beef producers throughout 2012 to determine weed and brush control methods to improve range health and assisted producers in testing potentially toxic forages in relation to drought stress conditions on standing and harvested forage.

Irrigation efficiency- In 2012 I continued to work with producers to look at systems and evaluate pumping plant efficiencies and spray nozzle packages to improve their fuel use efficiency and watering efficiency to the crop that ultimately saved available ground water and energy cost to the producer. In accomplishing this effort I involved Irrigation specialist to conduct well and pivot audits and also utilized results of prior years data collected to assist producers in their decision making process.

Family and Consumer Sciences

In the Area of Family and Consumer Sciences the Donley County Leadership Advisory Board and Family Consumer Science Committee has continued to give direction in programming support and assistance hosting events that better the wellness of the County in 2012 the following programs were conducted.

The annual Health Fair- was held at Clarendon College on March 29th for local residents and college students and was a great success. Twenty-four vendors provided information ranging from home health, local and area medical services, health care plans and other valuable resources available to the public. Free screenings were done for all participants. Clarendon Family Medical, local EMT's and Northwest Texas Hospital hosted a free blood screen for all participants. The screenings available saved Donley County residents \$102.00 individually for an overall total of \$19,584.00. This is an increase of \$4,000 from last year. One hundred and ninety-two residents attended.

“We Care for Elder Care” conference- was hosted in March 24th. This program offered education in nutrition, exercise, Alzheimer's and Dementia research and treatment and emotional support for our older population. Seven attended this event.

The annual Clarendon School Health Fair- was held May 21st. This year's event reached 346 Elementary and Jr. High students. Topics included nutrition, heart health, reading warning labels, poison look a likes, hydration, dental health and distracted driving related to texting, drugs and alcohol. The program was also supported with curriculum the teachers utilized with in the classrooms to support the topics at the health fair. 16 volunteers helped make this event a successful event.

4-H and Youth Development

Texas AgriLife Extension strives to reach youth audiences from of ages 5-19 years of age through school curriculum enrichment programs and community 4-H club and project work based on feedback from the Donley County 4-H adult leaders association 4-H council .

Curriculum Enrichment Programs:

In the Area of school curriculum enrichment agents worked with Hedley and Clarendon ISD to conduct 3 school curriculum enrichment programs to reach a total of 386 contacts with youth through school curriculum enrichment and conducted one outcome based program to teach 31 5th grade youth the importance of agriculture in their daily lives.

DONLEY COUNTY YOUTH AGRICULTURE LITERACY PROGRAM 2012

By Leonard Haynes, CEA- AG/NR Donley County

Agriculture is the nation's largest employer, with 21 million people working in some phase of production and marketing in relation to growing food and fiber to selling in retail markets. The Agriculture production system in Texas is estimated to have an average economic impact of \$ 45 billion each year. As we look at the impact of Agriculture in Donley County, agricultural value exceeds a \$57.7 million dollar industry. As today's youth are further removed from farming, they do not understand the importance of agriculture and how it impacts their daily lives. This issue has not only been seen as a national statistic concern but also locally among program area committees and the Donley County Leadership Advisory Board. The Youth Ag Literacy program is targeted to an audience of 5th grade students and teachers as they have been identified through national statistics as the target audience to enhance knowledge and learning of the importance of agriculture in their daily lives. Increasing agriculture awareness in youth has also been identified through Texas Farm Bureau as an importance. They have developed resources to address this issue across the state of Texas. Since 2007 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Donley, Hall and Briscoe Counties have teamed up with the Donley and Hall County Farm Bureau Board to plan educational efforts to address this issue.

Educational Program Response: In 2012 an agent taskforce met with Farm Bureau curriculum director and the local board members to discuss educational topics to be addressed as they relate to the local region. Modifications to this year's program were made based on teacher evaluations and committee feed back from the previous years. Financial supporters and educational resource speakers were identified by the committee to support this program. We marketed the program by sending a news release out to Clarendon and Hedley ISD school teachers and administrators during the month of September to announce final dates and review educational importance of the program and request student information. In October we met with a teacher taskforce to review with them on How to utilize the educational resource packet containing 5 lessons from the Farm Bureau Food and Fiber in the 21st Century curriculum manual that were to be covered in class prior to the Ag literacy field day event and a pre-test and post test evaluation to measure knowledge gained from the program. Leading up to the field day event we met with 4-H youth council members and adult leader task force

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to prepare them for the field day and train them on job responsibilities and educational components to be covered and help set up for the event. The Youth Ag Literacy Field Day event was held on November 2, 2012 in Memphis reaching youth from the surrounding counties of Donley Hall Motley and Briscoe. The Ag literacy event included thirteen 20 minute learning centers that were led by agents, ag committee members, commodity group leaders, 4-H youth council members, NRCS and Groundwater District members. The primary focus was to increase youth participants' knowledge on the importance agriculture topics of Electrical Safety on the Farm, Southwestern Dairy Raisers Mobil Dairy Classroom, Tractor Safety, Cotton, Peanut, Wheat, Grain Sorghum, Corn, Beef Cattle Production, Erosion Control, Ground Water Conservation, and 4-H Livestock projects. Youth were provided with a sponsored morning snack and lunch and at the conclusion of the day students and teachers received an Ag Literacy Day T shirt and information on 4-H and list of sponsors of the program to write thank you notes. This event was also interpreted through local news paper.

This program was a collaborative effort with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Donley, Hall, Briscoe and Motley Counties, Donley/ Hall County Farm Bureau, local NRCS and Mesquite Underground Water District, Light House Electric Coop. Thirty local Bussiness sponsorships were provided totaling \$1,500 to support this event financially.

Program Evaluation Results: In an effort to evaluate knowledge gained through the Youth Ag Literacy program, students and teacher were given a pre and post test exam of questions related to the importance of agriculture topics covered in the classroom lessons and AG Literacy event field day. Evaluation results for 2012 reflected on a total of 31 students and 3 teachers from Donley County completed the pre and post test exam. The student's pre test score average was a 58. Upon completion of the Youth Ag Literacy Program the students had increased their scores on the post test by 34 percentage point with a class average of 92 on the post test.

Increased test scores each year continue to reflect a direct correlation of knowledge gained through the program. As a direct observation made by teachers the students have improved their thought processing by becoming actively engaged in the leaning components and asking detailed questions which reflected their increased interest and awareness of agriculture. Overall students and teachers have exhibited great enthusiasm at the conclusion of the Ag Literacy Field Day event and teachers have continuously stated each year that they wanted to participate in this program again next year.

Based on the current and previous years of increased pre and post test scores the Youth Ag Literacy program continues to reflect a difference made on the importance of Agriculture how it effects students in their daily lives. To back this data I conducted a post test evaluation to measure Knowledge retention with freshman 28 freshmen students from Clarendon and Hedley that had participated in the Ag literacy program in 2008 which resulted in a group average score of 88 directly reflecting knowledge retention of the success of the program. A total of 300 5th grade age youth in Donley County have been reached through this program since 2007.

Results of this program were interpreted through annual Extension outcome summary interpretation reports to local news paper, local school administrators, Donley/ Hall Co. Farm Bureau Board, Donley County Leadership Advisory Board, Donley County Youth & AG advisory committees', Donley County Commissioners court and other key stakeholders.

Additional School Curriculum Enrichment Programs:

Egg to Chick Program was held in April in Clarendon to the first grade class of 36 students. Forty-two Kindergarten through 5th grade students at Hedley ISD also participated. Students learned about the incubation process, number of days, proper temperature and water requirements and the stages of embryo development. Students had a 75% hatch rate and were also taught about the importance of caring for chicks after the hatch.

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Donley county 4-H club:

The Donley county 4-H club currently has youth enrolled that are led by a club manager and assistant leader and 16 volunteer project leaders and 10 adult parents that actively serve as a parent leader association that give direction of programming the agent and club managers, 4-H council officer team on club goals and 4-H financial management. The Donley county 4-H program relies on fundraising as its only source for supporting youth educational efforts and club resources and awards and recognition to create a positive learning tool for youth to learn responsibility and broaden their knowledge through project work and to build youth with strong character to prepare them with the life skills to survive in the future society. In 2012 the Donley County 4-H Club generated a total of \$7,300 raised through geranium sales, JRCA Concession stand, 4th of July arts and craft fair booths and rodeo grounds cleanup to assist with contest registrations at District and State 4-H events and county 4-H recognition banquet and club resources. The Donley county 4-H recognition banquet serves as the Clubs Highlight of the year to recognize 4-H youth and adult leaders for their accomplishments. Our annual achievement banquet was held in September. Seventy six members were recognized for their project participation throughout the 2011-2012 4-H year. Outstanding adult volunteers were also honored for their efforts and support of project opportunities. This year's banquet was attended by community leaders, school officials and 4-H families. In 2012 Donley county 4-H members were highly involved and Competitive in project work at Local, District, State and National level events.

Livestock Projects- Continue to be the largest project area that includes Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goats. The Donley County Junior Livestock Show started off the 2012 year with a wonderful experience of opportunities for our 4-H members to exhibit their projects. There were 71 youth that exhibited 106 Livestock projects competitively amongst other youth in the county and received critiques of animals and showmanship skills and valuable information to improve their Livestock project for future shows. Youth also benefited economically from an \$81,000 premium sale. Additionally, 30 youth furthered their project experiences by exhibiting Livestock projects at the National Western, Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo Houston, Star of Texas, Tri State Fair and State Fair of Texas Livestock Shows and networked with youth from areas across the U.S. and Texas. These youth benefited economically by receiving a total of \$36,500 from youth auctions and premium awards.

Horse and Livestock Judging- 20 4-H members began attending weekly project meetings during the months of February, March and April to prepare for upcoming Livestock and Horse Judging events On April 1st, 8 members competed at the Traveling Trophy Horse Judging contest and placed 1st overall in the Jr. Division and 3rd overall in the Sr. Division. On April 2nd, 13 members competed at the Clarendon College Livestock and Horse Judging contests with the Sr. Horse Judging Team placing 3rd and the Jr. Team placing 6th overall. The Jr. Livestock Judging Team placed 6th and the Sr. Livestock Judging Team placed 1st overall. On April 8th, 8 members traveled to West Texas A&M to compete in the District 1 4-H Horse Judging contest. The Jr. Team placed 2nd overall and the Sr. Team placed 4th

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Consumer Education – 4 members participated in Consumer Decision Making. 6 project meetings were held for junior members. Members learned about reading and understanding product labels, price and quality comparisons, reading scenarios carefully, and giving reasons. Members participated in the District contest in April at the District office in Amarillo and placed 6th.

Clothing and Textiles – 6 members participated in the spring project and contest. Members met multiple times to learn about fabrics, crafts and community service ideas. Members participated in a workshop where they learned about quilting, making jewelry and using leather to make accessories. These members entered the County and District Fashion Show and Craft Show. We had multiple winners in both contests.

Summer Leadership camps- May 31st began summer camp time with Donley County 4-H Council members and Adult volunteers hosting a County 4-H Camp for 11 K through 2nd grade students that were introduced to 4-H projects including shooting sports arts and crafts water recreation and scavenger hunts. During the month of June, 3 members participated in the District 1 4-H Leadership Retreat held at Frank Phillips College. John Pigg was elected as the 2012-2013 D1 4-H Council President earning him a spot on the state 4-H council in which he attended District and State council retreats in July. On June 4th & 5th 13 members attended D1 4-H Fish and Fun Camp held on the Mesa Vista Ranch and learned about pond management, species of fish and competed in a fishing tournament. Donley County placed 1st overall in the tournament and brought home the traveling trophy. June 19th nine members traveled to Cap Rock Canyon State Park to attend County Camp along with members from Hall, Briscoe and Collingsworth counties. Members participated in educational sessions including kayaking, leatherwork, and fishing and leadership games. We also toured the Buffalo working facilities. On July 31st five members participated at the District 1 Clothing camp and in August 2 4-H members participated in the District photography workshop and contest.

District Horse Show- 4 members participated in multiple events at the District Horse Show. Individual 4-H members competed in team penning Barrels poles and Stakes working Cow horse trail western pleasure and Halter and placed well amongst other individuals from District 1 Counties.

State Round Up- June 10th—15th was a big week for 7 4-H members representing Donley County at State 4-H Round Up. Starting off this week 2 graduating seniors were awarded for their outstanding accomplishments in 4-H with two 4-H foundation scholarships (\$16000 Houston Livestock Scholarship and \$10,000 Wallwrath). For members of the Livestock Judging Team placed 10th overall and one was 8th high individual. Also participating, were our Beef and Horse Quiz Bowl teams that placed 4th in beef and 7th in Horse.

Tri-State Fair – Twenty two youth participated in the Tri-State Fair. Members competed in Livestock Judging, Photography, Clothing and Textiles, Culinary and exhibited their Lamb, goat, swine and beef projects. 4-H members received many high placing awards along with valuable information from judge critiquing on their projects and recognition for their project efforts.

State Fair Of Texas- Five youth attended the State Fair of Texas with one member attending the State 4-H Council recognition Banquet and 4 exhibiting swine projects and three of the four qualified for the premium auction and were awarded \$3800 in premiums.

Beef and Horse Quiz Bowl- Thirty one youth began attending project meetings in September led by three project leaders to prepare for the District 1 4-H Horse and Beef Quiz bowl contest to be held in November. 4-H

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leaders worked with youth to teach 4-H members in depth information related to horse and beef projects. On November 3rd 4-H members traveled to Panhandle to compete amongst other counties and excelled with in each of the age Divisions Placing 1st, 3rd 4th in the Jr. Horse Quiz Bowl Divisions and 3rd in the Sr. Horse Division and the Sr. Beef Quiz Bowl team placed 1st and the Jr. team placed 2nd overall. The results of the two senior teams earned them a trip to the state contest that will be held in 2013

District Gold star and Outstanding Leader Recognition Banquet- On October 8th Donley county 4-H had two Gold star recipients Tres Hommel and Austin Adams that were recognized for their accomplishments and dedication to the 4-H program during the district recognition banquet held at West Texas A&M. This award marks the Highlight of a 4-H member's career as it is the highest award they can receive

Food and Nutrition - Fifteen 4-H members participated in the Food and Nutrition project beginning in September. Weekly meetings were held by two 4-H project leaders to educate members in basic cooking skills (measurements, food safety, knife safety, nutrition, cost control and food preparation). Eight members participated in the County food show and also represented Donley County at the District 4-H Food Show at Bushland High School on November 17th with 2 placing 1st and one placed third in there divisions. Additionally 9 food project members also participated at the District 1 4-H Food Challenge contest on November 28th in Pampa to compete amongst 45 other jr teams and learned what they need to work on for next year.

Community Economic Development

In the area of community resources and economic development this section involves all program areas of extension from the Leadership advisory board 4-H and youth development board Family consumer science committee that work with other community resource folks such as the Donley County Chamber of Commerce, Clarendon College, both Clarendon and Hedley city officials, Donley County Livestock Show officials. In 2012 Extension had a leading role in planning and implementing the following events:

Donley County Activity Center: I have worked closely with the Donley County Livestock show board to continue to secure donations and schedule events to continue to finance the building and allow for a place the citizens can utilize for events that range from Family reunions wedding receptions, school activities, Arts festivals, Fundraising events and a Stock Show.

Donley County Livestock Show: Extension works closely with the board to secure funds to support 4-H and FFA livestock project at the premium sale. This year the committee raised \$81,000 to go toward youth projects at the premium sale.

The annual Health Fair: This event has been a collaborative event among Extension Family Consumer Science committee and Leadership advisory board members Donley County Hospital Board and Clarendon College. This event was held at Clarendon College on March 29th for local residents and college students and was a great success. Twenty-four vendors provided information ranging from home health, local and area medical services, health care plans and other valuable resources available to the public. Free screenings were done for all participants. Clarendon Family Medical, local EMT's and Northwest Texas Hospital hosted a free blood screen for all participants. The screenings available saved Donley County residents \$102.00 individually for an overall total of \$19,584.00. This is an increase of \$4,000 from last year. One hundred and ninety-two residents attended.

Saints Roost 4th of July Celebration: This event is a joint effort with Extension 4-H youth development Board and Chamber of Commerce that also has Extension Leadership Advisory Board members on the Chamber, Outdoor entertainment committee that collaborate this event that draws in tourists to attend the Ranch Rodeo, Arts and Craft festival and 4th of July parade along with the turtle race. Extension's primary role is to coordinate the Craft fair booth and BarBQue sponsored by the shriners this year's event had 52 vendors participate in the craft fair that generated an estimated \$42,000 dollar profit for many local non profit organization and area businesses

Rain Water Harvest Workshop: This event was a collaborative event that was primarily driven from Donley County Extension Leadership advisory board member that had identified water conservation as an area of educational focus in the 2011 Issue Identification Forum. This meeting program developed during a town hall meeting with Green Belt Water authority and the city of Clarendon were looking at ways to promote water conservation and 2 leadership advisory board members promoted extension in hosting a rain water harvesting seminar to educate the public on ways to conserve water. This event was held on July 28th in Clarendon that was attended by 38 residents that received hands on experience in installing a rain water collection system and as well as educational demonstrations of various systems for in home use as well as landscape and ranch uses. Key speakers included Billy Kniffen extension rainwater harvest specialist and Delbert Trew landowner and rancher to demonstrate water conservation methods I also discussed the importance of water conservation and other means of conserving water to help protect our ground and surface water supplies.

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