

Program Impacts:

100% of producers attending the Crop Profitability Conference will change crop type and acreage as a result of the information provided.

Forty Nine Ochiltree 4H members learned and demonstrated positive character traits by competing in the Ochiltree County Livestock Show

New Health Agent begins service in Ochiltree County

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Mission Statement

Improving the lives of people, businesses, and communities across Texas and beyond through high-quality, relevant education.

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Agriculture Program Highlights

The winter months are always a busy time since it is a great opportunity to schedule programs for producers to attend. The goal of these programs is to have specialists and guest speakers present the latest up to research based information on a variety of subjects. Three major programs were conducted during this time with the following results.

Crop Profitability Conference- This program provided information on the latest market outlook for wheat, corn, grain sorghum and cotton. Enterprise Budgets were also presented for the producers to evaluate variable and fixed costs compared to income with breakeven sensitivity analyses. *18 producers attended this seminar with 100% reporting they would change the types of crops and the amount of acres those crops were produced on based on this information.*

Northeast Panhandle Corn Conference- Topics covered during this meeting for areas producers included hybrid selection, planting management, market outlook, insect management and weed management. *6 Producers attended this meeting representing 11,000 acres of corn.*

Northeast Panhandle Grain Sorghum Conference- Topics that were presented at this meeting included weed management, market outlook and insect management. The sugar cane aphid has been a game changer in management in sorghum since it arrived 5 years ago. Continued education such as this has been making an impact. *100% of the 38 producers attending this meeting now feel confident in identifying and managing the sugar cane aphid as a result of this ongoing educational effort.*

4-H and Youth Program Highlights

Ochiltree 4H youth are always busy with a variety of projects but the winter months are more recognized as "stock show" season. The annual Ochiltree County Junior Livestock show is a major event sponsored each year by the Ochiltree County Junior Livestock Association for these members to exhibit their market steers, sheep, goats, swine and breeding heifers. *This year 49 4H members each competed and sold one animal for premium prize money which totaled \$208,000 . All of the members participating livestock projects demonstrate and learn positive character traits such as integrity, hard work, citizenship and caring.*

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Health

As I, McKayla, am new to extension (start date February 10th), new to the area, and Extension Agent Health is a pilot program; my primary goal has been contacts. The majority of February was spent completing the introductory training videos and meeting people in all three of the county offices as well as meeting people in the communities. I gained several contacts through the hospital by attending the monthly Lunch and Learn held at Ochiltree General Hospital. I also was a guest at the Perryton Rotary Club with Cynthia Shattles, a retired FCH Agent from Ochiltree County. Between attending the local events, and community members visiting the office I made over 50 contacts. Throughout March I finished up the training videos and had face-to-face trainings and met with local community groups as well. I was able to help prepare the local TEEA members in Lipscomb and Ochiltree county for the district meeting held in April. The two local radio stations contacted me and I did an interview with both of them, reaching about 3,000 people introducing myself and explaining my role to the public. Each radio station reaches all throughout Ochiltree, Roberts, and Lipscomb counties. I completed 2 basic Health Talk programs with a Parkinson's Awareness group and the TEEA club. I toured the schools in Lipscomb County and was granted access to reach out to the parents of each student from the Superintendents at each school. I attended the SHAC committee in Roberts County and was able to receive their input and support for future programs. The local group of parents who homeschool their kids reached out to me as well and I have attended and helped with their monthly PE class at the activity center in Perryton. From my contacts I have health committees lined out for each county and they will be formally asked after the TCFE meetings are over in each county. With just the few personal contacts I have made I am confident I will have highly involved volunteers for programs throughout the counties.

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