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**Program Highlights
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Ag & Natural Resources

- A program on purchasing replacement heifers was presented to parish cattle producers by Dr. Bill Davis, State Beef Specialist during the July meeting.
- Malcolm Watts, a prominent local cattle producer presented a program on video marketing of beef cattle to the parish cattle producers group at their August meeting.
- Gathering of data on a fire ant demonstration continued with one local poultry producer.
- Senator Bob Kostelka updated the parish cattlemen on legislative matters during the September meeting.
- Beef cattle producers took part in a meeting on cool season forages held by LA Tech, Pennington Seed and the Extension Service on the Tech Farm Campus in Ruston.
- A fencing field day was held for parish cattle producers at the Billy Gaines Farm in Quitman. Cattlemen viewed correct fence construction demonstration presented by Bekaert Manf.
- A field day was held at Hillfarm Research Station in Homer at which several producers from Jackson Parish participated.
- A meeting was held in Jonesboro to present information concerning the fire ant demonstration which has been ongoing for 18 months. Data on control of fire ants was presented to approximately 32 participants.
- Dr. Sid DeRouen reported on research conducted at the Hillfarm Research Station and talked about utilizing Expected Progeny Differences (EPD) in evaluating a potential beef sire at the December cattle producers meeting.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Interviews were conducted for a Food Nutrition Program (FNP) position during the semester. This person would direct and conduct nutritional programs targeted toward low income individuals and families.

4-H and Other Youth Development

- Visits were made to Principals and the School Superintendent to set up schedules and organize 4-H Clubs for the 2004-2005 school years.
- New 4-H Leaders were recruited to help organize clubs at each school.
- Approximately 300 students joined 4-H for the club year.
- Approximately 15 students in grades 8-12 have gained leadership skills by joining the Junior Leadership Club and participating in monthly activities and community service projects.
- 4-H members in grades 4-6 have gained skills in teamwork by participating in monthly club meetings.
- 4-H members in grades 7-12 have gained skills in workforce preparation by participating in monthly club meetings.
- Approximately 90 youth gained skills in community service by writing letters of encouragement to 4-H members in Florida affected by the hurricanes in the summer of 2004.
- Approximately 25 youth gained skills in raising and showing animals in the parish pet and livestock shows.
- Nineteen youth in grades 4-6 learned skills in pet care, ag awareness and outdoor skills by attending 4-H camp during the summer.
- Six 4-H members gained skills in raising livestock by participating in the Louisiana State Fair.
- Four 4-H members in grades 8-12 attended 4-H University and participated in educational workshops and contests.
- Approximately 20 4-H members gained skills in community service by organizing and conducting a canned food drive.

Community Economic Development

- Several agricultural producers participated and gave comments during a public hearing on the Sparta Aquafer.