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**Program Highlights
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Ag & Natural Resources

- 8 beef producers utilized forage testing to adjust their cattle nutrition programs
- 55 farm and home visits related to pastures, home grounds, and home gardens.
- 60 producers and home owners learned the proper technique for taking soil samples and utilized the results to properly fertilize their soil.
- 15 home/farm visits regarding nutrient management.
- 20 personal contacts via telephone regarding nutrient management.
- 12 people attended Animal Waste Advisory Committee Meeting in Ruston.
- Educated 18 Pilgrim's Pride employees about environmental issues regarding poultry litter.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 33 daycare directors, caregivers, and home care providers attended three – three hour child care provider trainings. They were certified in these topics: Food and Nutrition, Group Care, and Creating a Learning Environment.
- 35 Evenstart students attended 12 sessions of “Right From Birth” parenting skills classes.
- 8 seniors at Pecan Villa attended “Stretching Your Food Dollars.”
- 18 people participated in “Portions,” a healthy eating program. Participants lost 48.5 pounds collectively.
- 2 Office of Family Support referrals attended a six hour “Positive Parenting” class. One parent indicated she learned new methods of discipline.
- 13 people became aware of ways to handle untitled property.

- 32 students went through a six hour Character Critters training. These students will mentor and teach kindergarten students the six pillars of character.
- 12 members attended 2 advisory committee meetings to develop a plan of action to fulfill identified need “job skills training” for the unemployed.
- 80 people attended the November Lunch & Learn Program.

4-H and Other Youth Development

- Enrolled 770 youth in 4-H; formed 25 school clubs and 1 junior leadership club with 28 members.
- Over 300 4-H members participated in the “Name the 4-H Frog” contest.
- 44 4-H'ers completed leaf collections and 12 of those went on to compete in the Louisiana State Fair winning various ribbons and premiums.
- 7 volunteer 4-H Leaders attended a regional training to learn the role of 4-H Leaders.
- 87 4-H'ers participated in the parish 4-H pet show with 2 volunteers and 3 sponsors.
- 3 4-H'ers and 3 volunteers promoted 4-H and Halloween Safety by handing out 500 Halloween bags, treats, and 4-H balloons to youth during the Ruston Downtown Trick or Treat.
- 28 4-H'ers and 1 volunteer leader participated in the 4-H Officer Training.
- 17 4-H school clubs participated in the Thanks-for-Giving Mac and Cheese Food Drive with 997 boxes of mac and cheese donated to Christian Community Action.
- 80 4-H members and 8 volunteers rode on and walked with the Lincoln Parish 4-H float in the Ruston Christmas parade. 5 Jr. Leaders and 5 volunteers assisted in decorating the float.
- 11 4-H Jr. Leaders and 4 volunteer leaders participated in a multi-parish trip to Marshall, Texas along with 4-H Jr. Leaders

from Bienville and Claiborne parishes for ice skating and to view the Christmas lights.

- 12 4-H Junior Leaders participated in the Christmas Clearing House Adopt-A-Family party. They donated gifts and groceries for a 2 member family.
- 6 4-H school clubs participated in a parish-wide coat drive. 170 coats were collected and donated to CCA, Salvation Army, and Rolling Hills Ministries.
- 72 youth from across north Louisiana participated in the North Central Fair held at the North Louisiana Exhibition Center.
- 17 4-H members from Lincoln Parish participated in the Northwest Louisiana Livestock Show held in Bossier City.
- 770 4-H members learned the importance of safety around the home as it relates to pesticides, other chemicals, and poisons.

Community Economic Development

- “Leap into Work”, a 6 part series of workforce preparation classes targeting people, ages 17-32 who are seeking employment, began on January 28th and will conclude on March 3rd. Eight people are enrolled in the Ruston program. Assisting the LSU AgCenter with teaching responsibilities are the Department of Labor, Louisiana Technical College, Louisiana Tech's Rural Development Center, and members of the Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Board.
- 15 people attended the “Manners for Microenterprise Managers and Professionalism” as part of the Small business Development Center's grant program to aid people with new businesses.
- Provided information to 4 business owners concerning renewal community tax incentives.
- Assisted Dubach's Mayor Margaret Rogers in writing a grant to seek funding for a trail around James Lake.