

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

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Serving North Central Louisiana Through Watershed/Nutrient Management Education

**Program Highlights
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- Gave presentation at the Calhoun Field Day on Forestry BMP's.
- Television Interview promoting Master Farmer.
- Gave presentation to Richland and Franklin Parishes promoting Master Farmer.
- Gave presentation to the N. E. Region Advisory Leadership Group on Master Farmer.
- Conducted Master Farmer Programs for West Carroll, East Carroll and Madison Parishes.
- Attended "Water As A Resource" Conference in Baton Rouge.
- Conducted Master Farmer Programs for Concordia, Franklin and Tensas Parishes.
- Television interview to promote Master Farmer during the Ag Expo.
- Conducted Master Farmer program during the Ag Expo in Monroe.
- Attended conservation tillage conference in Houston, Texas.
- Radio interview to promote Master Farmer Program for the Hill Parishes.
- Conducted Master Farmer programs in Jackson, Winn, Bienville, Lincoln and Union Parishes.
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- Gave presentation about the Sparta Aquifer to Civic Group in Ruston.

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- Conducted "In-Vessel" compositing trial with poultry producer in Claiborne Parish.
- Constructed and maintained Display concerning Best Management Practices at North LA. Ag Expo
- Conducted "In-House Pasteurization" Project with poultry producer on Claiborne Parish.
- Constructed 8 educational programs for poultry integrator's service personnel concerning Master Farmer Program, In-House Pasteurization Project, and CAFO Regulations.
- Presented educational program for state LDEQ non-point pollution staff on the Master Poultry Grower Program.
- Conducted educational program for La. Tech Agricultural Pollution class on poultry waste management.

- Conducted "6" Master Poultry Grower" educational programs for poultry and cattle producers. Each program included surface water regulations, alternative land use, nutrient management, forge management, soil sampling, poultry litter sampling, mortality management and CAFO regulations.
- Member of committee to assist LDEQ non-point pollution staff develop rules for Louisiana CAFO's.
- Currently assisting City of West Monroe develop plan for managing animal waste generated at Ike Hamilton Equine Pavilion.
- Conducted 70 Farm visits regarding nutrient management, water management, mortality management and soil sampling.
- Developed record keeping tool, "Fertilizer and Pesticide Application Field Journal for Livestock Producers".
- Distributed quarterly newsletter, "The Litter Letter" to 400 poultry producers throughout the state.
- Distributed weekly informative materials, news, publications, etc. to Louisiana poultry producers via Internet list serve.
- Conducted 3 poultry litter applicator workshops on a "community basis".

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Master Farmer Presentations

- * Rapides Parish * Winn Parish * Avoyelles Parish
- * Bienville Parish * Jackson Parish * Grain Producers Field Day
- * Sabine Parish

Storm Water Management Presentation

- * Barksdale Air Force Base * City of Natchitoches
- * Webster Parish Police Jury

Water Security

- * City of Natchitoches * City of Many
- * Louisiana Rural Water Association * Sabine River Authority

Water Conservation

- * Mansfield Garden Club * Pilot Club – Many

Environmental Education Programs

- * (Watershed Management) * Louisiana School Math Science & Arts
- * Claiborne Parish Water Festival * Natchitoches Parish Principals Association
- * Converse Elementary Science Classes * Red River Police Jury
- * Cross Lake Education Center (8 Caddo Parish Schools)

Invasive Aquatic Weeds

- * Grant Parish Achievement Day * Bienville Career Day
- * Red River 4-H Clubs * Vernon Parish Forestry Camp
- * Bossier 4-H Achievement Day

Private Water Well Testing

- * Sabine Parish * Natchitoches Parish
- * Bienville Parish * LRWA