

# Report to the People 2022

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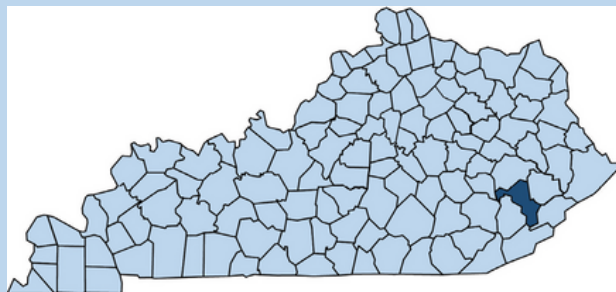
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# Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Helping the Survivors of the 1,000 Year Flood**

In July 2022, Eastern Kentucky was hit with what was commonly referred to as the 1000-year flood. People lost their homes, livestock, equipment, and many lost their lives. Donations started coming in from all over the U.S. In an effort to help farmers the AG and Natural Resources Agent worked with other ANR Agents and AG Leaders in the four counties that were devastated to distribute the donations.

A warehouse was secured to store the farming supplies. This receiving and distribution warehouse in Jackson, KY and Meade Tractor in Hazard, KY enabled the local AG agents and Mountain Cattlemen to work with local farmers to best meet their needs. The Mountain Cattlemen Association managed all cash donations and the distribution of the supplies to the affected farmers. Ninety-one farmers received a direct cash payment totaling more than \$140,000.

To date, over \$191,000 in cash donations and more than \$150,000 in feed and farm supplies have been received. Our Perry County Agriculture Agent commented "This was the most successful team effort I have ever been part of in my 37-year career with Extension. We would not have been successful if we had not worked as a team." This tragic event brought out the best in people and because of the generosity and kindness of others our team has been instrumental in helping the amazing survivors rebuild and start the road to recovery.

## 4-H Youth Development

A year and a half ago, Perry Co. 4-H began working diligently to revitalize the agricultural community within the Perry Co. youth. Due to many variables such as losing the agricultural program at the school and COVID, participation in these activities had dwindled greatly. In 2022 we have made incredible strides to create a bright future for the agriculture of this region.

While finances can be a burden when developing any program, farming is something that can have very high start-up costs. In an attempt to curb that burden, 4-H developed a sheep program, where students can apply for sheep and attend monthly educational classes to continue their education. In partnership with SEKSPA, the 7 students participating this year received bred ewes that they will have the opportunity to raise as their own. We hope to continue this program for years to come and have the opportunity to develop sheep farming in this region.

### Bringing Agriculture Back to Perry County





# Family and Consumer Sciences

## Holiday Roadshow



## Nutrition Education

### Eastern Kentucky Flood Response

On July 28, 2022 disaster hit Eastern Kentucky in the form of flash flooding. Devastation was everywhere, lives were lost. Homes and personal items were all gone. The one thing that wasn't lost was the help of University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Services, Nutrition Education Program. Perry County was one of the hardest hit counties. Even with loss of their own, the Supplemental Nutrition Education Assistance (SNAP) Senior Assistant in Perry County wasted no time in getting in contact with community partners, helping to get nutrition education materials and others basic needed supplies out to Perry County residents.

Perry County schools were opened as supply centers and food banks for flood families. The SNAP-ED Assistant Senior in Perry County with the help of many other community partners worked diligently to ensure families basic needs were met. Recipes and nutrition education was provided in each food box for families. University of Kentucky information "What to do in case of power outages, flood or fire" emergencies publications were added to the box for families. With the efforts of the Nutrition Education Assistant Senior and other Community partners over 13,000 people were reached with Nutrition Education and Emergency publications within the first 9 days after the flooding.

Holidays are often an exciting time of the year; however, the holidays also can come with lots of stress. Perry County Extension participated in the Holiday Roadshow with Quicksand Area Homemakers. FCS Agents traveled 4 days to 8 different counties to show each county thrifty ways to make holiday decorations and gifts along with sampling Plate it Up, KY Proud recipes and Plan Eat Move recipes. Over 222 Homemakers participated area wide in person as agents spent time discussing how to do savvy online shopping during the holidays and what to do with holiday leftovers. This program was broadcast to 88,000 over the area via the local television and 319 people were reached with the Holiday Roadshow booklets. After evaluations over 158 participants reported implementing new money saving strategies and making positive financial decisions and 154 learned new ways to store leftovers. A total of \$1,970 savings were reported after this program concluded.



*It Starts With Us.*

**Healthy Families. Healthy Homes.  
Healthy Communities.**



**Back row: Tate Sasser- 4H Agent, Kelsey Sebastian- FCS Agent, Charles May- ANR Agent**  
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