

# UF/IFAS EXTENSION & BRADFORD COUNTY

## WORKING TOGETHER

January, February and March 2015

The Bradford County Board of Commissioners and UF/IFAS Extension work in a cooperative effort to provide relevant programming to citizens throughout the County. During the first quarter of 2015, Extension Agents and Staff recorded **5,717 contacts** with clientele that included emails, phone calls,

office visits and field calls. Agents conducted **126 on-site visits** (Agriculture, Horticulture, Schools, Livestock, and Forages) to assist residents one-on-one in Bradford County. Below are a few examples of impacts reported by our Agents during this quarter.



- As a result of a **horticulture project at Lawtey Elementary**, led by our 4-H Youth Development Agent, 67 youth demonstrated increased knowledge of healthy vegetables and basic plant care and demonstrated life skill development in responsibility and self-motivation.
- Since the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) has been established in Bradford County, by our Family and Consumer Science Agent, **242 students have been reached**. Of these, 100% are more aware of healthier food options, 82% have increased their fruit and vegetable consumption and snack choices at school.
- Fifty-eight participants who attended a **hydroponic gardening workshop** indicated they gained new information that will be used to change their growing practices and 55 indicated they planned to share this information with family, neighbors and friends.
- As a result of two **beef cattle management workshops** led by our Livestock and Forages Agent, eighty-five (85) participants, increased their knowledge related to beef management, castration, deworming, vaccination, pregnancy evaluation, implanting and herd health.
- Students who have participated in the Family Nutrition Program (FNP), led by our Family and Consumer Science Agent, **have made changes to their lifestyles** that include bringing vegetables and yogurt to school, eating more fruits and reducing the amount of ice cream they eat.
- Using a 1-year follow-up survey of participants that attended a **pasture weed management** workshop, led by our Livestock and Forages Agent, seventy-seven percent (n=13) could accurately identify three commonly confused pasture weeds and their herbicide control practices.
- As a result of **County Events**, led by our 4-H Youth Development Agent, 55 youth participated by providing illustrated talks, speeches, share the fun and fashion. These youth demonstrated increased competencies in public presentation skills, critical thinking, teamwork and self-esteem and increased skills in leadership, citizenship and empathy of others.
- Thirty-one (31) restricted-use pesticide license holders attended a **pesticide workshop**, led by our Livestock and Forages Agent, and gained knowledge related to pesticide safety, weed identification and how to accurately read the label.
- As a result of the **Bradford County Fair livestock exhibition**, led by our 4-H Youth Development Agent, more than 100 youth demonstrated increased competencies in critical thinking, communication, social skills, empathy, self-motivation, managing feelings and decision making.
- One hundred eleven (111) Bradford County FFA students participated in a workshop on **strawberry farming**, strawberry cultivar development and techniques used for used to produce genetically modified organisms. The students also participated in a Strawberry Taste Test that allowed them to compare locally grown strawberries from four Bradford County Farms.