Outcomes/Impacts

- Sixty-seven (67) producers attended the 15th Annual Hay Field Day, co-led by our Livestock Agent, at the Santa Fe River Ranch, with 97% (34/38) of respondents of the post meeting evaluation indicating that the presentations provided answers to a specific question or problem.

- Sixteen (16) Bradford County volunteers attended a 4-H Volunteer Training, conducted by our 4-H Agent, and increased skills in group facilitation, leadership, and teamwork.

- Seventy-eight (78) school gardens at 7 schools were prepared for fall planting by our Ag Agent and Master Gardeners.

- Thirty-four (34) youth attended summer camp at 4-H Camp Cherry Lake, led by our 4-H Agent, and as a result of this experience, increased competencies in healthy lifestyle choices, self-responsibility, teamwork, and self-esteem. Youth also developed an increased knowledge of the natural world, robotics, and aquatic science.

- Thirty-four (34) participants attended a class on Beef Cattle Anatomy and Physiology, taught by our Livestock Agent, at a reproductive management school and of those that responded to the post meeting survey, 90% (n = 11) foresee the knowledge they learned having a positive economic impact on their operation.

- Sixty-six (66) adult mosquito trapping events (valued at $18,150) were recorded by Buzz Buster Volunteers who are led by our Ag Agent.

- To enhance the use of smart phone technology in our community, our Livestock Agent teamed-up with the Bradford County Senior Center to provide detailed instruction on hand-held devices.

- To better serve Bradford County citizens, our Ag Agent, in August, started the 2nd 2013 Bradford County Master Gardener Classes. To maintain their Master Gardener status, participants who complete this training agree to volunteer in our community.

UF/IFAS Extension and the Bradford County Board of Commissioners work in a cooperative effort to provide subject matter related, relevant programming to citizens throughout the County. During the third quarter of 2013, UF/IFAS Extension Agents and Staff recorded 4,319 contacts with clientele that included emails, phone calls, office visits and field calls. Agents conducted 63 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.