

UF/IFAS EXTENSION & BRADFORD COUNTY

WORKING TOGETHER

January, February and March 2014

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 third quarter of 2013, Extension Agents and Staff recorded **5,061 contacts** with clientele that included

emails, phone calls, office visits and field calls. Agents conducted **125 on-site visits** (Agriculture, Horticulture, Schools, Livestock, and Forages) to assist residents in Bradford County. Below are a few examples of impacts reported by our Agents during this quarter.

Outcomes/Impacts



- Our Ag Agent **established a monitoring system** and educational outreach to area farms to track and manage an emerging insect threat to county berry crops.
- As a result of **County Events** activities, led by our 4-H Agent, youth demonstrated increased competencies in public presentations skills, critical thinking, teamwork, and self-esteem. Youth also increased skills in leadership, citizenship and empathy for others as a result of their efforts on **County Council** during the event.
- Our Livestock and Forages Agent led two **winter forage food plot field days** in which eighty-five (85) participants, from 10 different counties were able to see forage varieties that are suitable for Northeast Florida.
- Our Family and Consumer Sciences Agent met with 10 different organizations to establish relationships with families and organizations to discover their needs. As a result of these contacts, the Agent has been able to access specific areas of concern and has begun to develop and provide programming to meet these needs.
- Planned programming from our Family and Consumer Sciences Agent will include **food preservation, nutrition and wellness as well as energy and housing** and specific programs to meet the needs of the senior community in Bradford County.
- A series of six workshops on **Edible Landscapes** was taught by our Ag Agent at the Bradford County Library and Senior Center.
- Our Ag Agent **monitors fertilizer management** strategies to assist farmers with nutrient management issues resulting from extreme rain events.
- As a result of the Bradford County Fair livestock exhibition, led by our 4-H Agent, more than 100 youth demonstrated **increased competencies** in critical thinking, communication, social skills, empathy, self-motivation, managing feelings and decision making.
- Twenty-one (58%) 4-H and FFA participants in the beef project at the Bradford County Fair competed in a **Herdsman Contest**, that was led by our Livestock Agent. Average quiz and practicum results from 2012 to 2014 increased 24% and 45% respectively.