



# Bradford County Cooperative Extension 2010 Annual Report

## Note from the Director

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Bradford County who support the program efforts provided by the Bradford County Cooperative Extension Office. Extension Agents, support staff and volunteers in our office have the education, training and the experience necessary to provide unbiased, scientifically sound educational information. When you have questions, we will help you find the answers. Please feel free to stop by, call or email us at any time. Inside this Annual Report, you will find several success stories from our agents along with a list of contacts. I am happy to report that our contacts to the public grew from 11,933 in 2008, to 21,387 in 2010; this is an increase of 44.2% in 3 years.

If you would like additional information related to the educational programming offered through the Bradford County Cooperative Extension Office, feel free to call any time or visit us on the web at <http://bradford.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Sincerely,

**Timothy W. Wilson, Director**  
Bradford County Cooperative Extension

## Mission

The mission of the Bradford County Extension Office is to develop knowledge in agriculture, human and natural resources and the life sciences and to making that knowledge accessible to sustain and enhance the quality of human life. We are a link to unbiased, scientifically sound education. This link is provided by the partnership between the County (Bradford County Board of Commissioners), State (The University of Florida/IFAS) and Federal (United States Department of Agriculture) governments.

## Meet our Faculty and Staff

Each Agent is assigned a program area of responsibility that includes many detailed programs that are not covered in this report. Through the guidance of an Overall Advisory Board and Programmatic Advisory Boards, Agents develop programs that meet the needs of residents in Bradford County.

### **Tim Wilson**, County Extension Director

Program Area: Livestock and Forages Agent

Areas of Focus: Animal Agriculture, Forages, Pesticide Licensing  
Education, Aquaculture, Hay and Soil Testing, Beef  
Management and Production, Equine Management

### **Jim DeValerio**

Program Area: Agriculture and Community Resource  
Development Agent

Areas of Focus: Crop Production, Irrigation, Integrated Pest  
Management, Master Gardener Program, Home  
Lawn and Garden, Economic Development, Mosquito  
Surveillance

### **Debbie Nistler**

Program Area: 4-H Youth Development Agent

Areas of Focus: Teen Programming and Civic Engagement Education,  
Camping, Animal Science and Life Skill Development,  
Volunteer Development, Leadership

### **Melanie Thomas**

Program Area: Multi-County Family and Consumer Science Agent

Areas of Focus: Health and Nutrition Education, Food Safety,  
Housing and Financial Management

### **Kim Griffis, Executive Secretary**

**Laurie Compton, Administrative Assistant**

# Success Stories

## Growing Clovers in Bradford County

By: Tim Wilson, Director/Livestock and Forages Agent

Clients that participated in the cool-season legume demonstration needed to know which clovers worked in their farming conditions. The perception is that native clover is the only clover which would thrive under the soil type and moisture conditions present in Bradford County. This demonstration provided a scientifically sound, unbiased, researched based example of three clovers that would grow under optimal conditions in Bradford County. In 2010, the county received good rainfall which provided an excellent opportunity to demonstrate variety selection. The following cultivars grew well: Armadillo, Dixie and CW Berseem and only Devine did not. These producers have now seen first-hand how clovers should be planted as well as how they would perform under the conditions they received in 2010.



On-farm workshop



Crimson Clovers (*Trifolium incarnatum*)

## Master Gardener Program Growing at Bradford County Extension

By: Jim DeValerio, Agriculture/Community Resource Development Agent

Bradford County Master Gardeners had a terrific year of volunteering in Bradford County. Eight new recruits graduated from the annual training class and have helped to grow the working group to 24 members. The volunteers worked on several community educational projects including gardening instruction at the Bradford Middle School and Starke Elementary, maintaining the Florida Friendly demonstration landscape at the Extension Office, running the Bradford County Fair Horticultural Exhibit, organizing and implementing the Buzz Buster Integrated Pest Management program and publishing the Cutting Edge horticultural newsletter for homeowners. Altogether, Bradford Master Gardeners worked 1,295 volunteer hours, valued at \$23,642, and helped clients 10,229 times in 2010. The Buzz Buster mosquito population monitoring program contribution to the county has been estimated by professional mosquito control contractors to be \$56,350 in 2010. The Cutting Edge newsletter, organized by program assistant Laurie Compton, was downloaded 4,526 times in 2010.



Bradford Master gardeners pose with Extension staff after working the Farm City Celebration luncheon.



Starke Elementary students show off their vegetable and flower gardens.

## Bradford Teens Serve as 4-H Camp Counselors

By: Debbie Nistler, 4-H Youth Development Agent

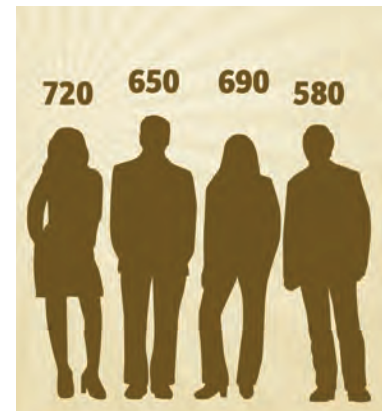
Bradford County 4-H brought 44 youth to Camp Cherry Lake for a week long camping experience. Camp preparation begins for the 4-H program in the fall. Teen counselors receive more than 40 hours of training in leadership, teamwork, first aid, and many other areas to prepare them to serve as counselors during the week-long event. This year 4-H camp was a younger group of campers. There were several youth who were stressed and very homesick. Teen counselors used their counselor training skills and helped these campers develop a sense of responsibility and enjoyed camp. When camp ended counselors felt empowered by the experience and campers were excited to come to camp again next year.



## Money Management

By: Melanie Thomas, Multi-County Family and Consumer Science Agent

One topic area in the “Basic Money Management” class is educating individuals about the importance of knowing what is on your personal credit report and how to understand it. After one class an individual went home and pulled her own credit report. After reviewing it closely, she realized that several things on the report were inaccurate. Approximately one month after the class was conducted I received a phone call from the participant thanking me for discussing the topic area. The participant went on to say that she would not have known the importance nor had the skills to pull the credit report before attending the class. After calling several companies the inaccurate reporting’s were removed from her report and a good FICO score is now in the works.



# Bradford County Cooperative Extension 2010 Status Report

### Summary of All Contacts and Programs

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	Year End Total
Director/Livestock and Forages	1153	819	466	816	3254
4-H	3373	2559	2624	2382	10938
Family and Consumer Science	806	411	197	412	1826
Agriculture and CRD	1566	1025	1046	1557	5194
Other	138	9	24	4	175
<b>Total Contacts</b>	<b>7036</b>	<b>4823</b>	<b>4357</b>	<b>5171</b>	<b>21387</b>

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