

UF/IFAS EXTENSION & BRADFORD COUNTY WORKING TOGETHER

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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 **4,992 contacts** with clientele that included emails, phone calls,

office visits and field calls. Agents conducted **82 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.



- In an effort to promote **Agricultural Awareness** to 274 participants at the **2015 Starke Strawberry Festival**, all Agents provided samples of Bradford County Strawberries, information about importance of agriculture in Bradford County and how the public can utilize the Bradford County Extension Office.
- As a result of passing a **ServeSafe course**, led by our Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, one participant who had no prior food service **opened a restaurant**, passed a health inspection and gained approval to prepare and serve food; another participant in this course **can now offer hot food** at his quick service station.
- As a result of the **4-H Classroom Club program**, led by our 4-H Agent, 69 youth in Bradford County **developed competencies** in science, agricultural literacy, **and life skills** such as cooperation, empathy, and planning/organizing.
- At the **2015 Disney EPCOT International Garden Festival**, 4 Bradford Master Gardeners, led by our Agriculture Agent, staffed an information booth and answered horticultural questions for 177 participants. This event provided these volunteers to share information they learned by completing the **Bradford County Master Gardener Training Course**.
- At the **64th Annual UF Beef Cattle Short Course**, 20 beef cattle producers learned about reproductive anatomy and physiology during a hands-on demonstration led by our Livestock and Forages Agent.
- As a result of knowledge gained from our Ag Agent, a new Bradford farmer successfully **grew and sold his crop at a profit**.
- One-hundred percent of participants at a **food preservation workshop**, led by our Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, indicated that they will follow **proper food safety procedures to prevent food borne illness**; 33% indicated that they **didn't have prior canning experience**; 25% of the group gained knowledge on how to **properly freeze fresh produce**.
- As a result of **State 4-H Legislature Program**, co-led by our 4-H Agent, 240 youth **developed competencies** in civic engagement, government, **and life skills** such as public presentation, decision making, empathy for others, character, problem solving, and accepting differences.
- Sixteen participants completed the first annual **Master Herdsman Series**, co-led by our Livestock Agent, and gained advanced knowledge related to small ruminants, poultry, equine, forage production, economics and beef cattle production.
- School teachers participating in the **Family Nutrition Program (FNP)**, led by our Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, reported that 35% of students are now **choosing to eat more fruits and vegetables** in school and make healthier snack choices. Three-hundred and nineteen SNAP eligible adults and children were reached and 100% of adults indicated that after participating in a class they **plan to make healthier food choices**.