

LSU AgCenter Richland Parish Profile

Report to Stakeholders November 2021



ABOUT THE LSU AGCENTER

The LSU AgCenter provides innovative research, information, and education to improve people's lives. Working in a statewide network of parish extension offices, research stations and academic departments, the LSU AgCenter helps Louisiana citizens make the best use of natural resources, protect the environment, enhance agricultural enterprises, and develop human and community resources.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

Flavors of Health is a community nutrition and health education program in place to motivate and empower Louisianans to make healthy food and fitness choices to live a healthful life. The Flavors of Health Nutrition Agent will provide expertise on a variety of topics that supports healthful eating patterns, including how to set realistic goals, make small changes in daily behaviors, transform healthy behaviors into healthy habits and select healthful foods.

4-H Youth Development

For the 2020-21 school year the 4th- 6th grade clubs focused on Nutrition and Health and the 7th-12th grade clubs focused on time management skills. Club meetings were in-person when allowed and conducted virtually. Youth participated in the Jr Leader and shooting sports after-school clubs. Youth participated in the NE Region Livestock show.

Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR)

The Richland Parish agricultural economy in 2019 ranked twenty-first in Louisiana for gross farm value. Field corn and cotton are the major plant enterprises. Beef cattle is the major animal enterprise. Core block variety demonstrations with corn, cotton and soybean are conducted on producer's farms to provide unbiased information on variety performance to help producers make variety selections for planting. Private pesticide applicator and Worker Protection Standard (WPS) trainings are offered to producers and agricultural workers covering how to work with pesticides safely and protect the environment. Programs are given to the Kiwanis Club and garden clubs. Through individual contact with agricultural producers and homeowners, crop, animal, and horticulture questions are answered, problems are identified, and management options are provided.



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PROGRAMS

4-H Youth Development

- Citizenship/Leadership
- Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET)
- Healthy Living
- Life Skills

Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Crop and Animal Production
- Horticulture: Lawn, Garden, and Fruit
- Pest Management & Pesticide Safety

Family & Consumer Sciences

Flavors of Health Community Health
Nutrition and Health
Chronic Disease Prevention
Faithful Families Thriving Communities
Physical Activity
Basic/Mastery/Advanced Level Cooking
Camps

WHOM WE REACH:

246 youth which includes 4-H members in 16 school clubs, Jr Leader and Shooting Sports after-school clubs. Numbers were down due to the COVID-19 pandemic where the 4-H agent was not able to have club meetings in all the schools. Several thousand youth were reached through social media. 1,428 adults (Agriculture and Natural Resources)

HOW WE REACH THEM:

4-H Clubs, school enrichment, field days, publications, newsletters, class series, website, social media, email, workshops, on-farm demonstrations, farm and home visits.

EXPANDING OUR EFFORTS:

74 volunteers from 4-H and ANR (Advisory Leadership Councils, 4-H school club leaders, after-school club leaders, ANR cooperators).

PARISH FACTS:

LSU AgCenter county agents provide research-based information on plant, animal, aquaculture, and wildlife enterprises to Richland Parish residents. The total dollar amount from these commodities were: Plant enterprises, \$91,557,680; animal enterprises, \$7,731,599; aquaculture and wildlife enterprises, \$1,490,691. Land area - 559.04 square miles; Population - 20,122; Population under 18 years old - 23.22%; Population 65 years old and over - 18.1%; Median household income - \$34,029; Persons below poverty - 25.1%

LOCAL ISSUES AND PLANS FOR THIS YEAR:

Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana agriculture.

- Conduct commodity production meetings and horticulture workshops.
- Use regular mail, email distributions, Web page content, newsletters, and write articles for local newspapers to disseminate timely information and publications.
- Conduct variety and related on-farm demonstrations.
- Work closely with commodity groups and farm organizations.
- Make farm and home educational visits.

Promote the wide use of natural resources and protection of the environment.

- Conduct training for private pesticide applicators and agricultural workers.

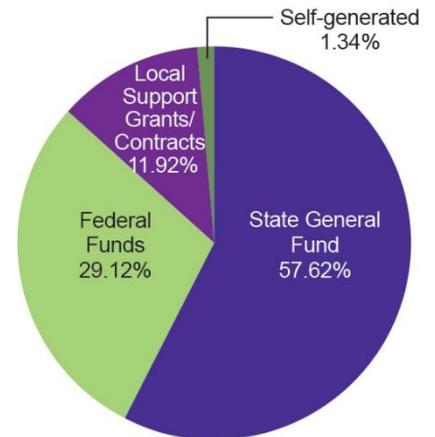
Build leaders and good citizens through 4-H Youth Development.

- Give youth the opportunity to gain leadership skills through club officer positions, Junior Leader Club, contests, and workshops.
- Club leaders are recruited to organize the school clubs, provide overall leadership, and serve as liaison between the school and parish 4-H staff.
- Leaders for project clubs are recruited to work with youth as instructors.

Strengthen families and communities

- Conduct a series of 4 programs annually; Dining with Diabetes, Smart Portions, Small Changes/Healthy Habits, & Break Up with Salt.
- Conduct monthly programming throughout the parish on trending nutrition and health topics.
- Conduct summer youth cooking camps.
- Organize a Healthy Community Coalition to identify needs of the parish in order to create policy, system, and/or environmental changes.

Extension Funding FY 2021-2022



HOW WE ARE FUNDED

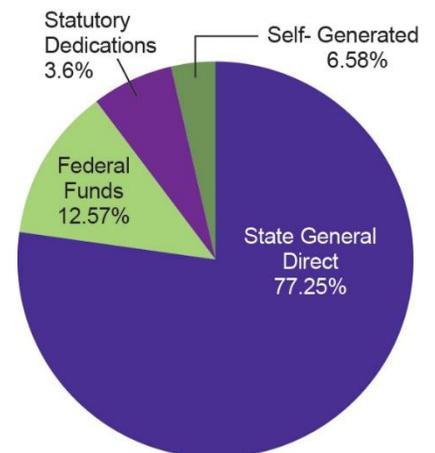
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Sustaining Louisiana agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

Building leaders and good citizens through 4-H Youth Development.

Family, nutrition and health to enhance the quality of life for Louisiana's citizens.

State Appropriated Funds FY 2021-2022



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