

# LSU AgCenter Evangeline Parish Profile

Report to Stakeholders Spring 2022



## ABOUT THE LSU AGCENTER

The LSU AgCenter is dedicated to providing 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

### 4-H, SET (Science, Engineering, Technology)

Science Lab learning from all aspects of science have been the focus of this year's club program. The educational programs presented each month to members in our school clubs concentrated on a different kind of science each month such as chemistry, physical science, aerodynamics, and physical science. Club members learned about static electricity, buoyancy, electromagnets, and the aerodynamics of a helicopter. Cloverbuds who are our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade science enrichment students learned all about Agriculture. These lessons that are aligned with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade curriculum taught about commodities and food production, Horticulture and gardening, poultry science and animal characteristics, and conservation and awareness of worldwide farming practices.

### 4-H Youth Development

"4-H Makes the Best Better" is the motto that drives our members to accept the responsibility to make a difference in the community. Each of the 21 traditional school clubs and several project clubs, with 26 local club leaders and many volunteers, are participating in service all over the parish. They have volunteered with the elderly, the state park, veterans, city wide clean up, cancer patients, and many needy in the parish and region. Our many youth and adult volunteers support our 4-H program on a parish, regional, and state level in the areas of service learning, community service, and school enrichment programs.

### Agriculture and Natural Resources

By attending AgCenter production meetings, field days and clinics, Evangeline crop and livestock producers gain knowledge and understanding of recommended varieties, herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides. These producers learned the most efficient, economical, and environmentally friendly methods, materials and application procedures called Best Management Practices. By utilizing these practices, productivity and efficiency are increased and negative environmental impacts are decreased.

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## PROGRAMS

### Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Beef Cattle and forages
- Horticulture/Lawn and Garden
- Rice, Soybean and Crawfish
- Urban Forestry

### 4-H and Youth Development

- Healthy Living
- Citizenship/Leadership
- SET
- Nutrition and Health

## WHOM WE REACH:

3,129 youth (includes 1,071 4-H members and 21 school 4-H Clubs)  
7,176 adults (2,872 through agriculture and natural resources and 4,304 through 4-H)

## HOW WE REACH THEM:

4-H Clubs, Clover Buds, School Enrichment, Demonstrations, Field Days, Workshops, Newsletters, Website, Publications, Social Media, and Radio (ANR and 4-H)

## EXPANDING OUR EFFORTS:

326 volunteers from 4-H, Master Gardeners, family and community and Master Cattleman.

## PARISH FACTS:

LSU AgCenter County Agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to Evangeline Parish residents. The total dollar amount from these commodities were: Animal enterprises, \$16,035,915; aquaculture and wildlife, \$28,922,153; plant enterprises, \$70,882,020.

Land area — 662.38 square miles; Population —33,708; Population under 18 years old — 24.9%; Population 65 years old and over — 15.8%; Median household income — \$31,427; Persons below poverty — 24.5%

## LOCAL ISSUES AND PLANS FOR THIS YEAR:

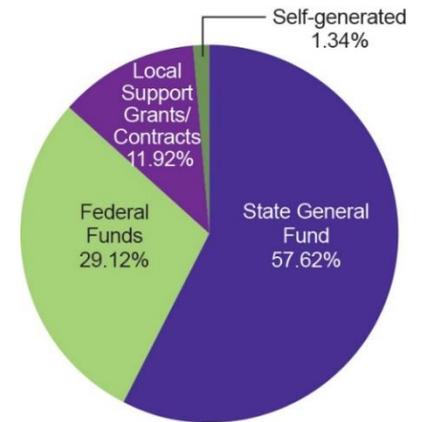
### ***Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana agriculture.***

- Field days, field clinics, and field visits for livestock, crop production and pest management.
- Commodity production meetings for rice, soybeans, forages, and livestock.
- Farm, home educational, and school visits and on-site demonstrations.
- Conduct variety test and pest management research plots for rice, soybeans, and forages.
- Cooperate with Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association, Rice Grower's Association, FSA, NRCS, LDAF and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
- Attend professional improvement meetings, tours and conferences in several agricultural commodity area.
- Athletic field management and maintenance demonstrations.

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

- Junior Leadership Club and several local clubs across the parish plan and implement service-learning projects across the parish.
- Promotion of Youth Development through participation in Summer Camp, LOST Camp, Regional Challenge Camp, Junior Leadership Conference, Marsh Maneuvers, Co-op Camp, and the many workshops offered throughout the school year. 4-H Members participate in curriculum-based programming such as Youth Wetland Week, Careers in Science, and LEAP enrichment with Science Tasks.
- Youth will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of traditional parish programs including gardening, cooking and nutrition, clothing and textiles, and livestock, as well as some programming that is newer to 4-H like shooting sports, outdoor skills, science, engineering, and technology, and wetlands preservation. It is through all of these program opportunities that we hope to help our club, our community, our county and our world.

## Extension Funding FY 2021-2022



## HOW WE ARE FUNDED

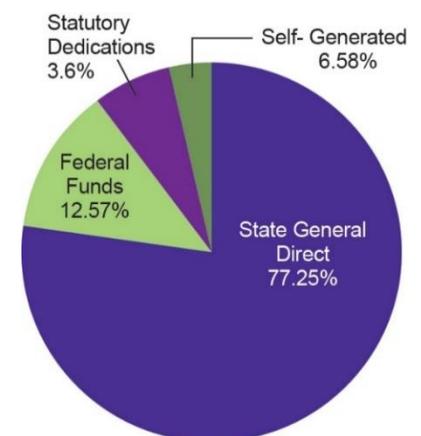
You are the local supporters and beneficiaries of the LSU AgCenter extension programs. Your support keeps these programs in your communities. Your parish extension office offers programs in:

**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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