

West Carroll Parish Profile



Report to Stakeholders

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About the LSU AgCenter

The LSU AgCenter is dedicated to providing innovative research, information and education to improve people's lives. Working in a unique 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

Ag & Natural Resources

LSU AgCenter Ag & Natural Resources agent uses a variety of teaching methods to reach West Carroll audiences. In-store displays are an effective way to help clientele make decisions for what pesticides to purchase that will not harm the environment. Information on how to understand how to use pesticides according to LSU AgCenter recommendations is also provided by the staff.



Ag & Natural resources agents also work with agricultural producers providing information methods to produce crops effectively. Demonstration plots set up at cooperating farms illustrate how the LSU AgCenter variety recommendations can be adapted by producers. Based on evaluations of producers who viewed selected variety demonstration plots, a majority will plan the recommended varieties the following planting season.

4-H Youth Development

West Carroll youth received information on the importance of Louisiana's wetlands during Wetlands Week. Through funding from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, teachers in participating schools receive lesson plans and materials designed to teach science based instruction on the environment and how the wetlands can be preserved.

West Carroll Jr Leaders also participate by providing "hands-on" activities to the students in schools throughout the parish. These experience not only give valuable knowledge to of wetlands issues but also provided the youth opportunities to design a lesson and teach to a group of students..



Agriculture & Natural Resources

Due to the impact of hurricanes Gustav and Ike, the LSU AgCenter hosted a series of Ag Crisis meetings for ag leaders in West Carroll Parish. Representatives from the farm Service Agency, ag producers, ag businesses and the LSU AgCenter met to discuss how to best address the damages to the crops and what programs might be available for ag producers to take advantage of in order to make needed repairs and replant destroyed crops.



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Programs

4-H and Youth Development

Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR)

Animal Production

Cotton

Soybeans

Environment/Watersheds

Horticulture/Lawns and

Gardens

Pest Management

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS)

Parents Preparing for Success

YES

FNP -Family Nutrition Program

Nutrition and Health

Who we reach.

4832- Youth (includes 394 4-H members & 10 school 4-H clubs)
 4932 - Adults
 Ag & Natural Resources
 Family & Consumer Sciences

How we reach them:

4-H clubs	Class series
School Enrichment	One-on-one contact
Field days	Workshops
Newsletters	Web sites
Publications	In-store displays

Expanding our efforts:

50 Volunteers -
 4-H, Master Gardeners, Family & Community, Master Horsemen

Parish Facts

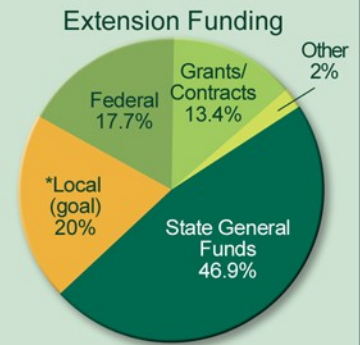
LSU AgCenter County Agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to West Carroll Parish clientele. The 2008 total dollar amount from these commodities were:

- Plant enterprises - \$54,793,687.
- Animal enterprises - \$5,293,311.

Data from the Louisiana Ag Summary

Web site: LSUAgCenter.com/agsummary

Population - 11,495
 Land area (square miles) - 359.40
 Persons under 18 years old - 23.3%
 Persons 65 years old and over - 17.7%
 Median household income - \$28,781
 Persons below poverty - 17.7%



**Local Funding
 West Carroll Police Jury
 West Carroll School Board*

How we are funded.

You are the local supporters and beneficiaries in the LSU AgCenter's Extension programs. Just 20 percent support keeps these programs in your community.

Your parish extension office offers programs in:

- Sustaining Louisiana's agriculture, forestry and fisheries.
- Building leaders and good citizens through 4-H youth development.
- Family, nutrition, health and community development to enhance the quality of life for Louisiana citizens.

Local Issues & Plans for this year.

1. Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana Agriculture.

- Write news column, web page content, and seminars on agriculture practices
- Conduct farm and home educational visits

2. Promote the wise use of natural resources and protection of the environment.

- Offer Pesticide certification meetings with emphasis on participants understanding how to safely use pesticides
- Recruit schools to participate in Wetlands Week

3. Build leaders and good citizens through 4-H youth development.

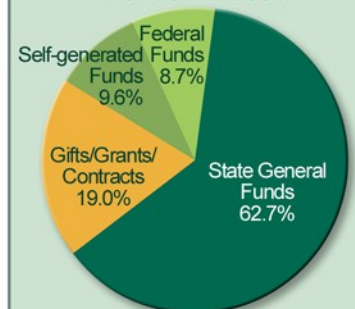
- Increase awareness of 4-H Youth Development Programs
- Develop and implement service learning projects throughout the parish
- Evaluate existing programs for effectiveness, minority participation, teen involvement and retention
- Increase participation in the YES Program through contacts with church groups.
- Expand Shooting Sports Program though increased volunteer recruitment and training.

4. Strengthen families and communities

- FNP clients will receive training on feeding their families nutritionally on a budget
- Focus nutrition education programs to families who are on public assistance such as: Food Stamps, Women, Infant & Children (WIC) vouchers and the Free & Reduced Lunch Program
- Teach classes on reducing credit balances and examining spending habits.



LSU AgCenter Restricted/Unrestricted Funds FY 2009



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