

Winn 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.



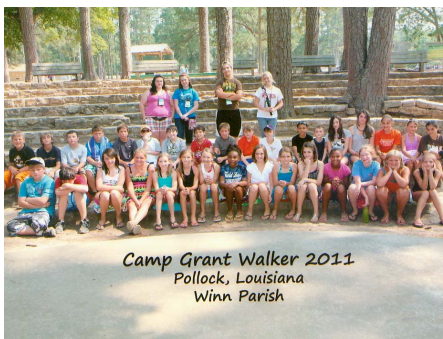
Program Highlights

4-H Youth and Family Development

Over six hundred and forty third, fourth, fifth and eighth grade students receive training on Square Foot Gardening each month. Currently Winn Parish has seven hundred and seventy-eight 4-H club members enrolled in sixteen 4-H clubs throughout the parish. Our educational focus for the 2011-2012 club year is Environmental Education/Character Education. Each month educational programs are conducted by agents that pull together Square Foot Gardening, Environmental Education and Character Education. This year our 4-H program showed growth in adult volunteers in the Cloverbuds, Outdoor Skills and the 4-H Youth Energy programs. Winn Parish 4-H has an additional eighteen new volunteers and leaders in these projects.



Approximately eighty 4-H youth participate in monthly educational programs offered by the Winn Parish 4-H Outdoor Skills program. This club year fifty-six youth participated in a Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Hunter Education program in which forty-five of the fifty-six youth completed the program successfully. The project is volunteer leader driven and utilizes our 4-H Outdoor Environmental Education Complex.



Agriculture and Natural Resources

The local economy as well as our state and national economy are seeing many companies having to trim their work forces. With this concern of many people having to find ways to reduce/cut back on their budgets you are seeing many people going back to raising their own food. A Winn Parish Master Gardener Program was conducted in which sixteen adults graduated from. These individuals will now be able to assist many homeowners in the preparation and maintenance of their home gardens and landscape. This will allow the Agcenter to reach more clients by having trained people using Agcenter publications to deliver at their programs.



The Winnfield Senior High School (WSHS) entered into a cooperative effort with the LSU AgCenter Field of Excellence Program. The Field of Excellence Program is based on providing the school assistance and training on how to improve the quality of their football field. The WSHS football field was named the 2011 Field of Excellence Award winner and was presented with a \$500 check from the Louisiana Turf grass Association.

The LSU AgCenter Winn Parish Extension Service has taken over the management of the local Winn Farmers' Market. The farmers' market committee has developed a calendar of events for quarterly education programs. The Winn Farmers' Market committee along with the Winn Parish Master Gardener's have decided to make improvements to the market to encourage more public exposure.

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Programs

4-H and Youth Development

•Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR)

- Animal Production
- Beef Cattle
- Environment/Watersheds
- Horticulture/Lawns and Gardens
- Pest Management
- Urban Forestry

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS)

- Smart Bodies
- Money Management/Budgeting
- FNP -Family Nutrition Program
- Nutrition and Health
- Square foot Gardens
- Junior Master Gardener

Who we reach.

1000- Youth Monthly (includes 778 4-H members & 16 school 4-H clubs)
 900- Adults (monthly)
 600 Ag & Natural Resources
 300 Family Consumer Sciences

How we reach them:

4-H clubs Class series
 School Enrichment Demonstrations
 Field days Workshops
 Newsletters Web sites
 Publications Social media

Expanding our efforts:

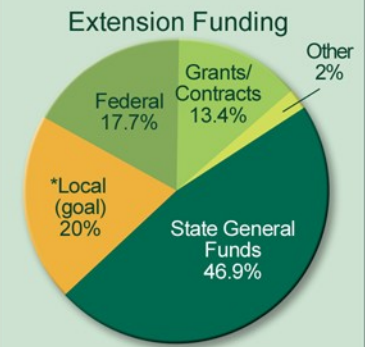
130- Volunteers -
 4-H, Family & Community, Outdoor Skills, Livestock, Master Farmer, Master Gardener.

Parish Facts

LSU AgCenter County Agents provide research-based information on plant, wild-life, forestry and animal enterprises to Winn Parish clientele. The 2008 total dollar amount from these commodities were:
 —Plant enterprises - \$49,527,924.
 —Wildlife- \$ 618,363.
 —Animal enterprises - \$19,825,878

Data from the Louisiana Ag Summary
Web site: LSUAgCenter.com/agsummary

Population - 15,331
 Land area (square miles) - 950.49
 Persons under 18 years old - 22.4%
 Persons 65 years old and over - 14.5%
 Median household income - \$31,108



**Local Funding
 Winn Parish Police Jury
 Winn Parish 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.

A. Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana Agriculture.

1. Write articles and columns for newspaper and webpage on best management practice in agriculture.
2. Conduct a Master Gardener program.
3. Conduct quarterly producer meetings for local farmers.

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

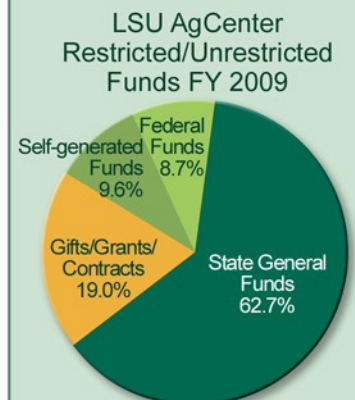
1. Work with farmers with t-tape and drip irrigation for water conservation.
2. Write articles concerning resource conservation.
3. Implement a parish wide square-foot garden project that covers organic vegetable production and conventional methods.
4. Incorporate water resources education in our 4-H and adult plant and animal production meeting.
5. Winn Parish Junior Leaders will participate in a coastal restoration project with others across the state.

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

1. Winn Parish Junior Leaders will participate in Forest Awareness, Roughin' It Camp, 4-H Camp as 4-H group leaders developing their leadership skills.
2. Junior and Senior 4-H club members will develop and implement service learning projects that are beneficial to the parish.
3. An increase in enrollment of 4-H members that focus on participation in Junior Leaders, 4-HU, Forest Awareness, 4-H camp, Forest Festival, and Roughin' It Camp is one of our main goals for next year

D. Strengthen families and communities.

1. Conduct Fit Bodies Inc. Program/Health Fair
2. Write and post articles related to nutrition/diet/health.
3. Provide clients with money management and budgeting information.
4. 450 pre-K through 5th grade students will participate in the Body Walk at Winnfield Kindergarten School, Atlanta High School And Dodson High School
5. Conducted a series of workshops for Mt. Grace Teen Challenge, focusing on proper nutrition.



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