

Bienville 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

Family and Consumer Sciences

Clientele improve financial stability and security by reducing debt and enhancing money and resource management.

- All FCS Financial Resource Management programs were evaluated and showed improvements in knowledge gained ranging from 16 to 100 percent.

- Through the 2010 "Jurors Empowering Teens" program, 27 youth selected by an application and interview process, increased financial management knowledge by 21 percent.

- Staff members and parents of Pine Belt Head Start Centers increased their understanding by 43 percent of how much money is needed for an emergency fund. These participants increased their understanding by 55% of how to track expenses and develop a saving and spending plan.

- Significant results followed the High School Financial Planning Program Teacher In-Service. Sixty-five percent of teachers reported they were not prepared to teach HSFPF before the workshop. After the workshop, 82 percent reported they were very well prepared to teach the class and plan to use HSFPF.

- Through Home Buyer Education classes, participants increased their knowledge gained in navigating their way to a new home by 28 percent; Staying on Course with Financial Management by 25 percent; Sailing Through the Mortgage Process by 36 percent; and Maintaining and Protecting Their Home by 16 percent.



4-H Youth Development

Money is a part of our children's everyday life. They observe money habits of adults from an early age. It is important to give them financial skills to build on throughout their life. Bienville Parish 4-H focused on the management of financial resources in FY 2010 through saving, credit, comparison shopping and borrowing funds. Lessons were taught at monthly club meetings and reinforced at 4-H events and through newsletters. A pre/post test evaluation showed a 15 percent increase in knowledge among fourth through sixth-graders and 12 percent increase in knowledge among seventh through 12th-graders.



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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
- Forestry

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS)

- Financial Resource Management
- Family Resource Management
- FNP -Family Nutrition Program
- Nutrition and Health

Who we reach.

10,497 - Youth (includes 466 4-H members and 13 school 4-H clubs)

7,734 - Adults

600 Ag and Natural Resources
7,134 Family Consumer Sciences

How we reach them:

4-H clubs Class series
School enrichment Demonstrations
Field days Workshops
Newsletters Websites
Publications Social media
Telephone/Television Office visits
AgMagic FCS Expo
Jurors Empowering Teens

Expanding our efforts:

150 Volunteers -
4-H, Master Gardeners, Family and Community, Master Horsemen

Parish Facts

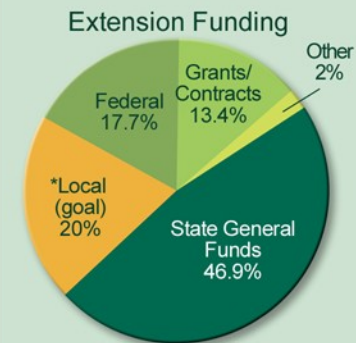
LSU AgCenter county agents provide research-based information on plant, forestry, wildlife and animal enterprises to Bienville Parish clientele. The 2010 total dollar amount from these commodities was:

- Plant enterprises - \$6,354,592,093
- Fisheries and wildlife - \$956,181,895
- Animal enterprises - \$2,631,885,770

Data from the Louisiana Ag Summary

Website: LSUAgCenter.com/agsummary

Population - 15,752
Land area (square miles) - 822
Persons under 18 years old - 23.2%
Persons 65 years old and over - 18%
Median household income - \$31,440 (significantly lower than Louisiana and U.S.)
Persons below poverty - 21.8% (higher than Louisiana and U.S. averages)
Average credit score—666 (lower than Louisiana and U.S. averages)



**Local Funding
Bienville Parish Police Jury
Bienville 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.

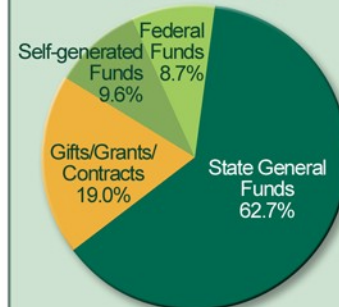
Your parish extension office offers programs in:

- 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 and Plans for this year

1. **Youth will learn character education skills through 4-H programs.**
 - A series of six lessons, Life Smarts, will be taught at club meetings.
 - Achievement Day activities will be centered on living smart.
 - Topics include: Bullying, Decision Making, Self-esteem, Diversity, Conflict Resolution, Responsibility and Risky Behavior.
 - A service Learning project will be conducted on being Tobacco Free.
2. **Families and communities will be strengthened through Family and Consumer Sciences programs.**
 - Family Nutrition Program clients will receive information on feeding their families nutritionally on a budget.
 - Workshops will be held for youth, families and small businesses to learn about money management.
 - Home Buyer education classes will be taught for homebuyers and to assist in acquiring home loans.
 - High School Financial Planning Program Teacher workshops will empower teachers with financial management curricula and increase their knowledge in financial literacy.
 - Jurors Empowering Teens Program will be coordinated and taught to teach older youth to explore careers, set goals, attain a job and manage finances through a budgeting and saving plan.
 - Pre-GED students will participate in a series of 12 lessons on financial management and workforce preparedness.
3. **Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana agriculture.**
 - Pesticide recertification, field days and other seminars will be offered.
 - News columns, Web page content and literature will be updated and distributed.

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