

Pendleton County Annual Report | 2016

Putting Knowledge to Work!

West Virginia University Extension works to provide “solutions in your community” through key program areas including agriculture, environment and natural resources, 4-H youth development, food and nutrition, health and wellness, financial planning and home gardening. These research-based programs and services are available to all residents of Pendleton County thanks to the tremendous support of our community members, local organizations, volunteers and local partners – the Board of Education and County Commission.

Highlights

The Pendleton County Farmers Market operated in 2015 for the second year. During the summer months this market was conducted every Saturday with at least five vendors participating. Leadership to conduct this endeavor was provided by the participants of the market. These skills were developed by classes and workshops offered by the West Virginia University Extension Service.

To increase the profitability of Pendleton County beef producers, the winter dinner meetings addressed beef management and forage production. Over 275 people attended these programs with 22 individuals attending smaller focus group meetings the next morning.

From February 2012-December 2015 sixty-four individuals were involved with the Master Gardener Training organized by the Pendleton County Extension Office. The group included 46 trainees for the program and 18 people auditing the class. This newly formed organization has been conducting monthly meetings and have conducted 10 workshops, presented educational programming for CEOS and 4-H organizations and donated over 1000 volunteer hours to the community during 2015.

4-H and Youth Development

In 2015, we celebrated 100 years of 4-H camping!

- Educational programming was conducted for 4-H and FFA youth. Pendleton County youth participated in educational programs that included subjects on beef cattle selection, sheep grading, breed identification, EPD's, forage evaluation and poultry judging.
- 75 youth attended county 4-H camp.
- 30 attended a state 4-H camp.
- 130 were active members of a community 4-H club.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

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- 433 calves were marked through the Performance Advantage gold program, realizing an increase of \$40.00 per head.
- By providing continued educational efforts and research, 24 producers are weaning calves on pasture. Ten producers, incorporating legumes and rotating pastures are getting over 2.62 pounds/day gain on post weaned calves with less than 1% of the calves body weight supplemented with a pelleted feed.
- David Seymour is involved in research studying the increased protein and digestibility of haylage.

Community, Economic and Workforce Development

- David Seymour serves in an advisory capacity to The Allegheny Highlands Center which has raised \$1.5 million dollars. This facility was completed and started to process local meat products. This project is a collaborative effort with the Highland-Bath Extension Agent along with several organizations in the region.

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