

Partnering with Your County Extension Office

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Poll #1

How familiar are you with the programs offered by your local Cooperative extension service?



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Extension Mission

Kentucky Cooperative Extension serves as a link between the counties of the Commonwealth and the state's land grant universities to help people improve their lives through an educational process focusing on their issues and needs.





Understanding Extension

Cooperative Extension is:

1. A public funded, non-formal education system.
2. Links education and research resources of USDA and land-grant universities with local county governments.

Federal legislation:

- Morrill Act of 1862
- Hatch Act of 1887
- Morrill Act of 1890
- Smith-Lever Act of 1914



Understanding Extension

Kentucky Cooperative Extension is the result of a unique cooperative agreement between:

- University of Kentucky
- Kentucky State University
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- State of Kentucky
- Each Kentucky County



Understanding Extension

Cooperative Extension values:



Diversity and capitalizing on its potential to strengthen programs.

Being locally-driven, flexible and responsive.

Empowering people to solve problems, make decisions, and embrace change.

Understanding Extension

Cooperative Extension values:



Applying knowledge and research-based information.


Accomplishing work through collaboration, volunteerism, and leadership development.

Developing youth, adults, families and communities.



Understanding Extension

Cooperative Extension is funded by:

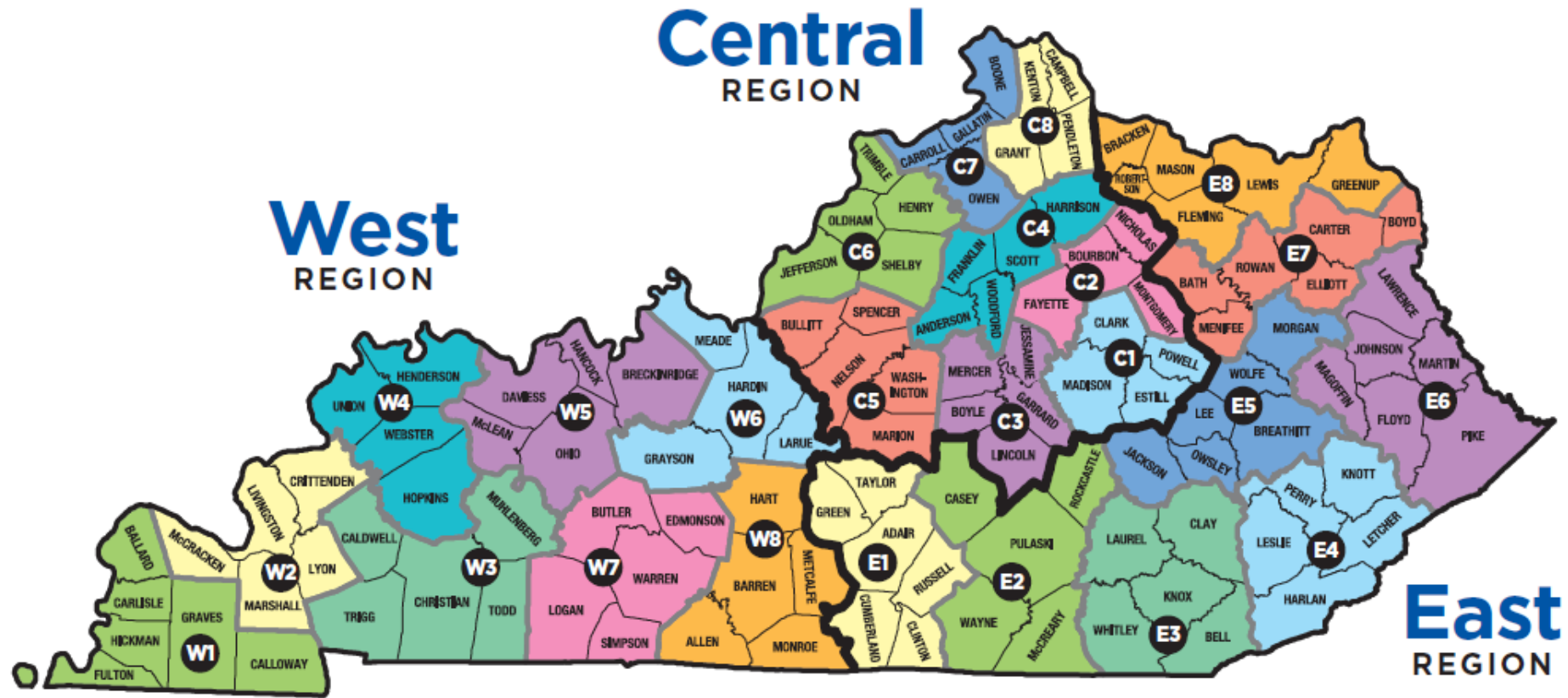
1. Federal funds through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
 2. State funds through appropriations for University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University.
 3. Local funds through Extension District Tax and/or local governmental budgets.
 4. Gifts, grants and contracts.
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Understanding Extension

Cooperative Extension programming is:

1. County centered and focused
2. Contingent on local input
3. Reflective of situational and trend data
4. Responsive to county needs





Extension Team

County Extension Agents

County Support Staff

Administrative Team

County Program Assistants

Campus-Based Faculty and Specialists



Our Diverse Subject and Program Expertise:

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Arts Education

Community and Economic Development

Family and Consumer Sciences

4-H Youth Development

Horticulture

4-H Youth Development

- Leadership/Citizenship
- Family & Consumer Science
- Health
- Communication & Expressive Arts
- Agriculture
- Natural Resources
- Science, Engineering and Technology

Interim Director

Dr. Rachel Guidugli





Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Animal Production
- Crops & Grains
- Horticulture
- Urban Agriculture/Horticulture

Director, Dr. Craig Wood

Family & Consumer Sciences

- Making Healthy Lifestyle Choices
- Nurturing Families
- Embracing Life as you Age
- Securing Financial Stability
- Promoting Healthy Homes & Communities
- Accessing Nutritious Foods
- Empowering Community Leaders

Director, Dr. Jennifer Hunter





Arts Extension

- Community & Economic Development
- Quality Arts Engagement
- Essential Skill Development

Program Leader, Melissa Bond

31 respondents chose issues by priority, and the resulting top three priorities for each issue category are below.

By prioritizing the issues, respondents are not just identifying how important each issue is for their community, but rather *which issues they would prioritize in their community*.

Jobs & Infrastructure

1. More jobs paying good wages and benefits
2. Access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet service
3. More qualified employees for existing and new jobs

Agriculture & Environment

1. Sustainability of family farms
2. Less illegal dumping and littering
3. More market opportunities for farmers

Health & Wellness

1. Improved affordability of health care insurance
2. Fewer overweight or obese youth and adults
3. Fewer chronic diseases (diabetes, heart disease, cancer, etc.)

Youth & Families

1. More youth life skills training (money management, life decision making, etc.)
2. Better family skills in reducing debt, increasing savings and financial planning
3. More quality child care

Community Needs Assessments

Full URL

<https://extension.ca.uky.edu/content/community-assessment-county-reports>

Tiny URL

<https://tinyurl.com/4tx68ec7>

... used to determine the average rating:
 Important = 3 Not that important = 2 Not important = 1

... into two columns: the most important issue (on average) is listed at the top of...

Wellness	Youth and Families	Agriculture and Environment	Jobs and Infrastructure	Community
Improved affordability of health care insurance	3.47 ▲	More effective cooperation between community org...	3.47 ▲	More sources for buying safe, affordable, fresh food
Fewer chronic diseases (diabetes, heart disease, cancer, etc.)	3.47 ▲	Better use of food safety practices (hand washing, storage, preservation, etc.)	3.47 ▲	
Trustworthy and effective law enforcement	3.48 ▲	More pride in the community and its assets	3.48 ▼	More support for families and individuals with special needs
Improved access to quality affordable health care providers (medical, dental, etc.)	3.48 ▲	More jobs paying good wages with benefits	3.48 ▼	More citizens helping to solve local issues
Fewer overweight or obese youth and adults	3.48 ▼	More youth life skills training (money management, life decision making, etc.)	3.45 ▼	More child and partner abuse prevention resources
More jobs paying good wages with benefits	3.45 ▼	Responsive emergency services	3.44 ▼	More support for relatives raising children of family members
More youth life skills training (money management, life decision making, etc.)	3.45 ▼	Less illegal dumping and littering	3.41 ▼	Better employee "soft skills" training (communications, team work, etc.)
Responsive emergency services	3.44 ▼	Improved availability of health care insurance	3.41 ▼	More senior citizen support programs
Less illegal dumping and littering	3.41 ▼	Sustainability of family farms	3.4 ▼	More youth community leadership opportunities
Improved availability of health care insurance	3.41 ▼	Safe and accessible public water and sewer	3.39 ▲	More crop and livestock production opportunities
Sustainability of family farms	3.4 ▼	Better family skills in reducing debt, increasing savings, and financial planning	3.38 ▼	More active community volunteers
Safe and accessible public water and sewer	3.39 ▲	Safer use of prescription medications	3.34 ▲	Better skills for selecting and preparing healthier food
Better family skills in reducing debt, increasing savings, and financial planning	3.38 ▼	Affordable, quality child care	3.33 ▲	More individual physical activity opportunities
Safer use of prescription medications	3.34 ▲	Better youth and adult career readiness	3.32 ▼	Less pest, disease, and weed issues
Affordable, quality child care	3.33 ▲	Availability of substance use treatment	3.29 ▲	Safer community places to walk, run, bike, etc.
Better youth and adult career readiness	3.32 ▼	More qualified leaders to prepare community for the future	3.28 ▼	More community marketing efforts (tourism, industry attraction, etc.)
Availability of substance use treatment	3.29 ▲	Increased support for small business	3.26 ▼	More land available for food production
More qualified leaders to prepare community for the future	3.28 ▼	Availability of substance use prevention programs	3.26 ▼	More healthy snacks and food options at restaurants and community events
Increased support for small business	3.26 ▼	More support for prevention of school violence and bullying	3.24 ▼	More part-time and summer job opportunities
Availability of substance use prevention programs	3.26 ▼	Affordable, quality elder care options	3.24 ▼	Better utilities (water, sewer, etc.) to attract industry for families with mental and emotional health issues
More support for prevention of school violence and bullying	3.24 ▼	Support for agriculture and agribusinesses	3.24 ▲	Improved sidewalks and crosswalks
Affordable, quality elder care options	3.24 ▼	Increased support for agriculture and agribusinesses	3.15 ▼	More farm-related jobs
Support for agriculture and agribusinesses	3.24 ▲	Increased support for agriculture and agribusinesses	3.11 ▼	Increased tree and forestry management for farmers
Increased support for agriculture and agribusinesses	3.15 ▼	Increased support for agriculture and agribusinesses	3.08 ▼	More training for food gardening or new jobs
Increased support for agriculture and agribusinesses	3.11 ▼	Increased support for agriculture and agribusinesses	3.02 ▼	More community gardening or new jobs
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Kentucky Extension Community Assessment
 Boyle County Report
 2019



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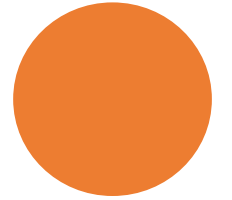
Partnering Success: Boyle County

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Alethea Bruzek

*Extension Agent for Family
and Consumer Science*



Poll #2

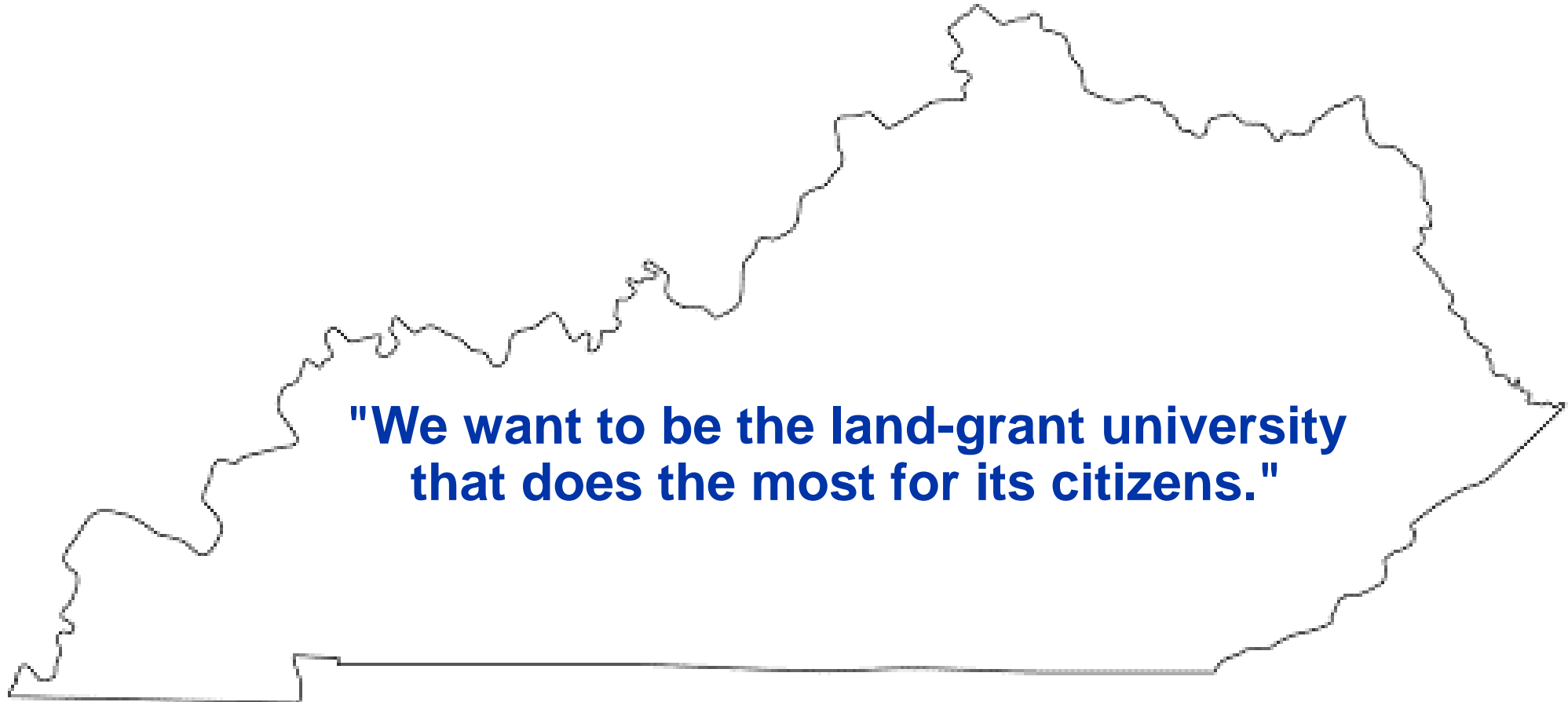
How frequently do you partner with your local Cooperative Extension Service?

Breakout Sessions

What potential partnerships do you envision between your library system and the local cooperative extension service?



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that does the most for its citizens."**

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