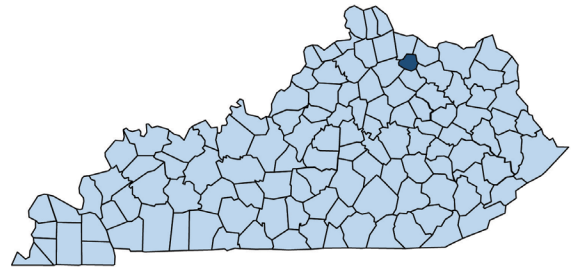


# REPORT TO THE PEOPLE



## Robertson County 2021



**DID YOU KNOW...** Visitors often know they are in Robertson County because everyone is greeted with a waving hand.



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## 4-H Youth Development



Cloverbud participates enjoying flower making.

15

Number of youth who demonstrated a skill that was learned or improved by participating in 4-H natural resource programming

23

Number of youth who completed a state fair arts, photography, or other visual arts project

## Agriculture and Natural Resources

In Spring 2021, the District 1 ANR Agents hosted a Master Haymaker Program. This program covered a wide variety of topics that all focused on forages. Robertson County had several participants that attended this program. One participant had recently acquired a family farm and wanted to learn more about hay production. She came into the office and talked about what she had learned and was sharing it with others. Other participants came in to take soil samples - which they never had before and said that because of this program, they wanted to see what their farms soil needed.

Those individuals will be able to use what they learned, to make huge improvements in the forages on their farms. Each of them indicated how great the program was and how much they had learned from it. Programs such as this are a huge step in the right direction for forage production in Robertson County.



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## MASTER HAYMAKER

There were 7 learning sessions for the Master Haymaker Program.

24

Number of people who gained knowledge of forage production, management and/or profitability which could include species, best management practices for species, forage harvest and storage, pasture renovation

52

Number of people who collected soil samples for testing



## Family and Consumer Sciences



Sewing needed supplies for the Covid19 pandemic.

12

Number of volunteers addressing community issues by assessing needs, developing programs and/or implementing solutions

25

Number of hours KEHA members volunteered in COMMUNITY activities and events

## NUTRITION EDUCATION

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic according to 2019 data from the Feeding America website, one in seven Kentuckians were food insecure and those aged 50-59 had the highest rate of food insecurity in the nation. During the pandemic, demand on food banks significantly increased as families faced layoffs and cutbacks at work. In response, during the 2020-2021 program year, 78% of SNAP-Ed and EFNEP Nutrition Education Program (NEP) Assistants reported partnering with local food banks to share recipes, newsletters and other materials and resources in food boxes. One SNAP-Ed Assistant reported delivering 100 Emergency Food Assistance cookbooks, 1,250 healthy and easy recipes, 300 Seasoned newsletters and 200 Healthy at Home newsletters to a local food pantry. A recipient said, "I was so happy to see recipes in my food box. Sometimes it's hard to think of ways to use some things you receive. These recipes will help me prepare healthier meals when feeding my family. Thank you." By partnering with food banks, NEP was able to reach hundreds of families throughout Kentucky.

The COVID-19 Virus closed many businesses and placed a strain on health care providers worldwide creating a high demand for personal protection equipment for health care workers. With such a demand on personal protection equipment, items such as isolation gowns were not available. During this time, County Extension Offices in District 1 were contacted by Primary Plus asking if we had anyone that could sew isolation gowns for their 9 offices.

The Goodtime Homemakers in Robertson County were contacted to see if any of their members would be interested in making gowns, and Polly White coordinated those efforts. Each seamstress was provided with a specific pattern, and Primary Plus provided the fabric and other supplies to make the gowns. A total of 221 gowns were completed by the Homemakers in District 1, and used by Primary Plus workers to combat the spread of COVID-19.



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*... just a few ways Extension supports Kentucky*

- *23,971 Kentucky youth who participated in a project, activity or event in science, engineering and technology through 4-H programming.*
- *4,890 Kentucky producers adopting new technologies in agriculture production.*
- *3,399 Kentuckians who improved or maintained health from participating in gardening.*
- *3,898 Kentucky families who supplemented their diets with foods they grew or preserved.*
- *4,161 Kentuckians participating in community trail projects.*

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