



Yadkin County Cooperative Extension Annual Program Report - 2021

Yadkin County Cooperative Extension provides research-based educational programming and resources for youth and adults that support positive change in the community. Through the collaborative efforts of our 4-H & Youth, Livestock, Horticulture, Field Crops, and Family & Consumers Sciences Agent, we enrich the lives, land and economy of Yadkin County residents.

The Yadkin County Staff includes Ashley Beard - Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, Tim Hambrick – Field Crops Agent, Madaline Jones – 4-H Agent, Kellee Payne – Horticulture Agent, Phil Rucker – Livestock Agent, Lisa Johnson – Administrative Assistant, and Addie Wilson – County Extension Director.

Knowledge & Skills

By means of consultations, workshops, facilitation, multi-session programs, mass media and webinars the Yadkin County Extension office reached **10,569 direct contacts and 882,033 indirect contacts**.

Our adult clientele increased knowledge and skill set in a variety of topic areas including **Gardening, the Mediterranean Diet, Forage Production, Nutrition, Farmers Market collaborations, and more**. Our youth audience learned and gained skills on **Walkability Studies, Public Speaking, STEM, Cooking Skills, Leadership, and Community Service**.

Excelling through Challenging Times

COVID-19 continued to provide challenges in providing face to face programs. Our office has started to host face to face programming for adults and youth. Our programs followed the most up to date safety guidelines from the county and state protocols.

Our office staff has been granted multiple awards from their excellence in programming. Awards include:

- Grange Search for Excellence Award – North Central District (**Rucker** and team - 2020)
- Grange Search for Excellence Award – Overall State (**Rucker** and team – 2020)
- Florence Hall Team Award (**Beard** - 2021)
- Best State Level Periodical Publication (**Jones** – 2021),
- State Level Excellence in Natural Resources and Environmental Education (**Jones** -2021)
- National Winner of Excellence in 4-H Programming (**Jones** and team – 2021)
- Grange Search for Excellence Award – North Central District (**Beard, Jones, & Wilson** - 2021),
- Grange Search for Excellence Award – Overall State (**Beard, Jones, & Wilson** - 2021).

County Focused

- **40** pond owners implemented best practices to decrease weeds, improve fishing, and make more aesthetically pleasing.
- **23 producers** saw a **15%** increase in forage production and a reduction in weed population.
- Farming grows with **12** new **backyard flocks**, **3** new **sheep operation**, and **4** new **milk productions with either a cow or a goat**.
- **Over 100 youth** received STEM kits during the pandemic.
- Provided **7** Summer Enrichment Programs involving **25 youth**.

Community Outreach



10,569

Total Direct Contacts



882,033 indirect contacts

Radio, Social Media, & Newsletters



864

Youth Contacts



2,412 Volunteer Hours

Donated Across All Programs