NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the UF/IFAS Extension Service for Baker County. Our office is a partnership between the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) and the Baker County Board of County Commissioners. Our mission is to provide scientific research-based information to the citizens of Baker County in the areas of agriculture, horticulture and 4-H youth development.

This report will give you a glimpse of the successes of our office in 2015. If you have additional questions about our office or the programs that we offer, please feel free to visit our website at http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu or give us a call at 904-259-3520.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Davis
Director/Agriculture Agent
UF/IFAS Extension Baker County

SELECTED ECONOMIC IMPACTS

- Restricted pesticide license holders were provided with 15 credit hours of Continuing Education Units valued at $48,000.
- Volunteers donated 1,300 hours to Baker County Extension Programming in 2015. This is equivalent to $28,093 of value (based on 2014 Independent Sector data).
- A total of 40 Agriculture and Horticulture site visits were conducted valued at $3,000.
- The Annual Spring Garden Festival attracts over 250 visitors, many from outside Baker County, each year. The event raises money for local community groups and nursery vendors and provides positive exposure for Baker County. Valued at $10,000.
- Pond water testing was conducted for thirteen landowners. Valued at $1,300.
- Funding for Extension Services in Baker County is split between Federal, State and County funds. 75% of the funding comes from the state and federal level.
AWARDS / HONORS

- National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, Southern Region—Promotional Piece Team Award (S. Spann)
- Florida Association of Extension 4-H Agents—Young Professional Award (S. Spann)
- Epsilon Sigma Phi (National Extension Fraternity), Alpha Delta Chapter - President-Elect 2015/2016 (M. Davis)

SELECTED PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS

- 100% (n=152) of youth that participated in day camps and residential camps developed new life skills such as responsibility, independence, and belonging. Youth also explored career options while learning job skills and competencies for future employment.
- Individuals adopting efficient irrigation practices in 2015 as a result of the Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program are collectively saving 164,574 to 277,960 gallons of water per 1,000 ft$^2$ of property per year.
- 3 new 4-H Clubs were added, creating opportunities for over 30 children.
- 1,998 youth and adults participated in programming related to poultry management, production, and information in 2015. A minimum economic impact of $162,960 has been calculated for participants in poultry programs.
- Youth that participated in school enrichment programs (n=945) demonstrated an increase in knowledge about the natural world in subjects such as embryology, hydroponics, and healthy eating habits.
- 140 individuals attended Florida-Friendly Landscaping Classes. Of the 35 participants completing follow-up surveys, 80% had adopted recommended practices, and over 50% reported a reduction in water, fertilizer, and/or pesticide use.

Extension is also present online, as the UF/IFAS Extension Baker County website received over one-half million visits for information in 2015.

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