

Agricultural Extension

Mission

The mission of the Agriculture Extension Service is to provide educational products to the people of Davidson County where they live and work so they can be better informed about: Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, Community Resource Development, 4-H Urban Youth Development in their communities through an educational process that uses research-based information to address issues and needs.

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Strategic Goals

- By the year 2013, customers of the Agricultural Extension will experience an increase in knowledge and skills as represented by:
 - In the 4-H Urban Youth Development program ___% of youth will improve their communication skills
 - In the Tennessee Shapes Up program ___% participants increased consumption of fruits
 - In the Tennessee Shapes Up program ___% participants increase consumption of vegetables
 - In the Tennessee Saves program ___% participants kept a record of spending
 - In the 4-H Urban Youth Development program ___% of youth will improve their decision making skills
 - In the Tennessee Saves program ___% participants initiated or increased savings an average of \$___ per month
- By the year 2013, Master Gardener educational classes will continue to increase the knowledge and skills of gardeners in Davidson County, as evidenced by:
 - Percentage of increase in Master Gardeners who identified at least one recommended gardening practice they adopted/plan to adopt as a result of the training program
 - Percentage of increase in Master Gardeners who report they have increased their skill level in specific areas as result of the program
- By the year 2013, people in Davidson County will be more informed about the educational services and products provided by the Agricultural Extension as evidenced by:
 - Percentage of increase in phone contacts and site visits pertaining to agricultural issues
 - Percentage of increase in new registrations for classes offered
- By the year 2013, Pesticide Safety Education Programs will continue to increase the knowledge and skills of commercial pesticide applicators, as evidenced by:
 - Percentage of professionals trained as Commercial Applicators thus increasing the number able to purchase and use restricted-use pesticides safely to control pests incorporated with Integrated Pest Management practices
 - Percentage of clients using the services of the Plant and Pest Diagnostic Center, thus increasing clients using recommended disease control practices

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4-H and Youth Development Line of Business

The purpose of the 4-H and Youth Development Line of Business is to provide life skills training to youth so they can develop career decision making skills.

4-H and Youth Development Program

The purpose of the 4-H and Youth Development Program is to provide life skills training to youth so they can develop career decision making skills.

Result Measures

- Percentage of participants who improve their communications and career decision making skills

Output Measures

- Number of 4-H/Youth Development educational classes provided

Demand Measures

- Number of 4-H/Youth Development educational classes requested

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Administrative Line of Business

The purpose of the Administrative Line of Business is to provide support services to the department so they can efficiently and effectively deliver results for customers.

Non-allocated Financial Transactions

Central adjustments related to internal service fees, pay adjustments, fringe benefits, non-programmatic changes and departmental “to be determined” budget reductions are reported here. These adjustments will be allocated to individual programs by the department in the upcoming fiscal year.

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Agriculture and Horticulture Line of Business

The purpose of Agriculture and Horticulture Line of Business is to provide gardening and horticulture educational products to customers so they can increase gardening production and horticultural job skills.

Agriculture and Horticulture Program

The purpose of the Agriculture and Horticulture Program is to provide gardening and horticultural education products to customers so they increase gardening production and horticultural job skills.

Result Measures

- Percentage of commercial applicators that attended Agent's training classes and passed the pesticide licensing exam

Output Measures

- Number of commercial pesticide applicators that have attended professional presentations by County Agent and earned required pesticide points (Continued Education Credits)
- Number of Agriculture/Horticulture educational classes provided for Commercial Licensing pre-test training
- Number of on-site visits provided

Demand Measures

- Number of on-site visits requested

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Family and Consumer Sciences Line of Business

The purpose of the Family and Consumer Sciences Line of Business is to provide financial and nutritional educational products to individuals and families so they can increase personal wealth and improve their health.

Family and Consumer Sciences Program

The purpose of the Family and Consumer Sciences Program is to provide financial and nutritional educational products to individuals and families so they can increase personal wealth and improve their health.

Result Measures

- Percentage of participants who establish and adhere to a savings plan for 1 year
- Percentage of participants who report eating an increased amount of fruits and vegetables for one year

Output Measures

- Number of Family and Consumer Sciences educational classes provided

Demand Measures

- Number of Family and Consumer Sciences educational classes requested