

EFNEP Programs Helping Low Income Families

EFNEP is a community nutrition program targeting low-income families with children (funded by USDA/NIFA). EFNEP has 2 employees working in Greene County. In 2019 (our most recent data) EFNEP taught 247 adult participants impacting 759 family members. During our work-time at home we have taken this time to practice teaching lessons using technology, communicating with partners through email, letters and videos, participating in webinars on technology (Zoom, Adobe Smart, etc.), and taking on-line classes on Mental Health, race relations, food safety, healthy eating, physical activity, best practices when working with the community.

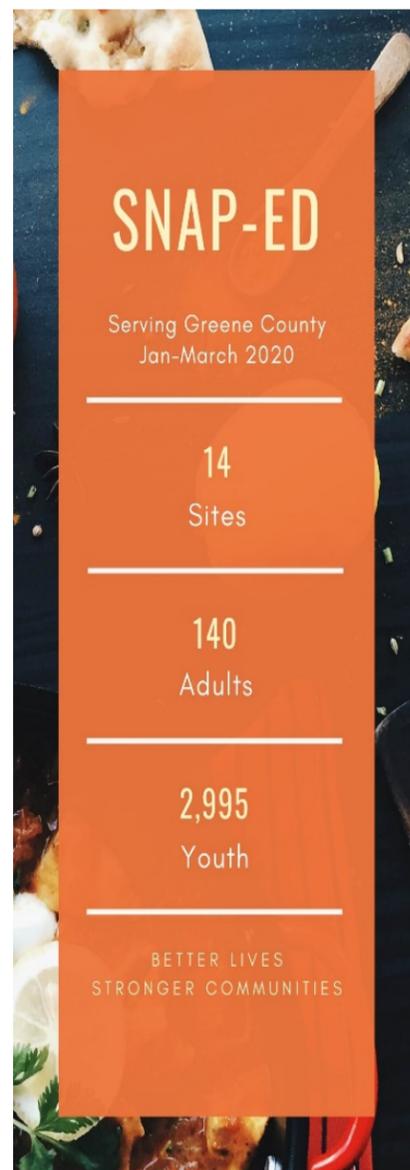
CFAES Help For Growers and Producers

This year has been particularly challenging for Ohio growers due to historic rainfall this growing season. In response, the College of Food, Ag, and Environmental Science has convened a Farm Crisis Task Force to help address concerns and offer the best science-based recommendations to producers facing weather impacts, tariffs, and low commodity prices. OSU Extension is Greene's local connection to these resources and CFAES experts. Visit: go.osu.edu/AgCrisis.



4-H visits 3rd grade classrooms

Our 4-H educator brought a bit of 4-H to many local 3rd grade classes. With a bit of science, an experiment, and a take home project introduced the kids to what kids might experience in a 4-H club. Each 3rd grader was left with their soybean take-home, a list of local clubs, and a 4-H comic book with 10-minutes science experiments.



Proclamation of Greene County 4-H week.

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Area Highlight

Local Food Growers and Producers

The Agriculture and Natural Resource Educators in the counties of Fayette, Greene, Highland, Clinton, Clermont, Brown, Pike and Ross counties are working to collect a list of local producers to share with consumers through a variety of networks about locally grown or produced food sources.

Obviously with the recent chain of events for our county, state, and country several questions have come up concerning the availability of local food sources, when the grocery stores are unable to maintain stock.

Greene County has several local producers that offer locally grown/produced products, but consumers are not always aware of the details to purchase these local products.

We have developed a simple survey that growers/producers in the area can complete about what products they have, when their products are available, payment options (WIC, SNAP, credit/debit card, PayPal), location(s), etc. The survey can be accessed online at go.osu.edu/LocalFoodsProducersSurvey.

Once in the survey the information is self-explanatory and easy to navigate through the process. It should only take five minutes or less to complete. The overall list will be able to be added to at any time, but we are encouraging producers/growers to sign-up as soon as possible.

View the list at go.osu.edu/gclocalfoodproducers

If you have any additional questions, please let me know at corboy.3@osu.edu



Edible Landscape Gardening with Purpose

COVID-19 shifted us to virtual programs – so we reached a larger area!

The Edible Landscape program was held virtually via Zoom on April 16, 2020. This was after rescheduling the program due to COVID-19. Over 130 participants viewed the program live with 150 that registered online prior to the event.

90% of the participants were OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers from numerous counties across the state of Ohio. The other 10% were Greene County residents.

This program was very beneficial to their continuing education. Several additional topics have transpired from this program for future community programs.

From online polling, 91% stated that they learned a new gardening practice and 63% said that they would practice this method. A recording of the program as well as additional resources are available if community members would like to learn more.

Our Impact

Real Money Real World

15 6-12th graders at Academy of Greene County participated

Chick Quest:

253 youth participated in 1 session

Food Pantry Donation: In 2016-2019 Greene County MGCV donated 23,500 lbs. of fresh produce to local food pantries

4-H Volunteers:

160 Adult 4-H Volunteers trained and approved for the new year

4-H Youth:

602 youth and over 1,200 projects enrolled for 2020

One of the goals of our Extension team is to present programs that inspire the community to grow, harvest, preserve, and prepare food from their own backyard.

FABULOUS Finance Health!

Maintaining healthy finances can be a challenge that changes throughout our lifetime. OSU Extension brings financial health classes to Greene County in many forms.

REAL MONEY REAL WORLD

This real-world financial simulation allows middle-school students the opportunity to learn what it is like to balance a checkbook, bills, and live within their means.



SPENDING SMARTLY

This 5-part series is a self-study course program designed to help people get control over their finances. Sessions include: Setting SMART Financial Goals and Money Attitudes, Cash Flow Management, Credit and Debit, Spending Food Money Wisely, Credit Histories and Repairs.



Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Private pesticide and fertilizer applicator training for local agricultural producers was held on March 9 with **more than 34 participants** recertifying as part of their requirement with the Ohio Department of Agriculture. If you need to obtain your pesticide or fertilizer certification, please reach out to Trevor at corboy.3@osu.edu for information on study materials and taking the test.

Quality Assurance Program

This program was offered multiple days and times to reach the largest group of livestock exhibitors possible. 4-H youth need to attend each year, or test out, in order to bring their livestock to fair. Parents are encouraged to attend, and Beef and Pork producers are even required to do so. This program provides education to livestock handlers to meet and hopefully exceed quality care and raising of local livestock.

OSU Extension Greene County Master Gardener Volunteers

participate in Pesticide Safety Education – Over 45 participants engaged in the first of a three-part series to learn more about pesticide safety. The volunteers learned the basics of safe pesticide use and how this is vital to selecting and utilizing products in home gardens. More public programs on this topic will be coming in summer of 2020.

Home Horticulture Questions

The Horticulture Program Assistant and a team of OSUE Greene County Master Gardeners answer over 300 questions yearly from Greene County residents regarding issues involving insects, disease, and good cultural practices. These questions cover home backyard orchards, vegetable gardens and landscape issues.



PROSPERING in Greene County

PROSPER stands for Promoting School-community-university Partnerships to Enhance Resilience. PROSPER isn't a program, rather it is a scientifically-proven delivery system that facilitates sustained, quality delivery of evidence-based programs that reduce risky youth behaviors, enhance positive youth development and strengthen families.

This delivery system links university-based prevention researchers with two established program delivery systems within a state—the Cooperative Extension System at the Land Grant University and the public-school system.

The Greene County FCS Program Assistant has been working with Greeneview schools with this program. Since the schools are closed, efforts have shifted to making connections with team members and creating a marketing approach once we return.