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COMPETITIVE FOOD AND FIBER SYSTEM AND TO STRONG,
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, FAMILIES AND YOUTH THROUGH
INTEGRATED RESEARCH, ANALYSIS AND EDUCATION*



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Agriculture

Hodgeman County farmers and ranchers may obtain information by many ways through the Kansas State University Cooperative Extension Service and the Hodgeman County Extension Council. The State Extension Service sponsors educational events on a state and area basis and cooperates with the KSU Experiment Stations holding their field days. Much of the information that is distributed to farmers and stockmen in western Kansas is from research work conducted at the Garden City Experiment Station.

Extension specialists are available for scheduling to Hodgeman County for consultation visits with farmers and ranchers. Some of the areas of specialist assistance are: Farm Management and Marketing, Farmstead and Livestock, Handling Facilities, Irrigation, Crops & Soils, Weeds, Range & Pasture Management, Livestock Production, Dairy Production, Crop Insect and Disease Control. Specialists in nearly all these areas were to Hodgeman County for visits or public meetings this year.

Steak Supper - Fifty producers attended the Annual Extension Steak Supper (Winter Crops and Livestock School). Justin Waggoner, KSU SW Beef Specialist spoke.

Education Support - The County Extension Council supported the following organizations with their educational programs.

Business Boosters

Hodgeman County WIFE

County Farm Management Association

Hodgeman Co. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Hodgeman Co. Conservation District

Pawnee-Hodgeman-Ness County Irrigation Association

Pawnee Watershed Joint District #81

Southwest KS. Ground Water Management District

Hodgeman County Consolidated Farm Service Agency

Hodgeman County Environmental Planning Committee

SW KS Local Environmental Planning Group

Hodgeman Co. Economic Development Committee

Hodgeman Conversations

Hodgeman Co. Vo-Ag Department & USD #227

Hodgeman Co. Commissioners

Hodgeman Co. Emergency Management

HorseThief Reservoir Benefit District

Sheep - Hosted District Sheep Meeting.

Farm Management - Hodgeman County is one of 22 southwest Kansas counties in the Southwest Kansas Farm Management Association. Hodgeman County now has 38 farm families with Farm Management memberships.

Pesticide Training - Kansas has a "Pesticide Use Law" which makes it unlawful for farmers and stockmen to purchase and apply restricted pesticides unless they have been trained and passed a proficiency test over the use of the pesticides. The County Extension Council has trained and re-trained several farmers and stockmen this year.

Agri-Terrorism - Attended training and participated with the local emergency planning committee. DeWayne Craghead is the Public Information Officer for Hodgeman Co.

Bankers Award - Each year the Hodgeman County Extension Agricultural Agent serves as chairman of a committee to select those Hodgeman County farmer(s) and landowner(s) who have done the best job in doing soil and water conservation practices. The awardee(s) receive

recognition at the Hodgeman County Natural Resources Conservation Service annual meeting. The 2017 Bankers Award went to Frusher Farms, Grassland Award: Circle S Cattle, Salmans Family & Good Earth Ranch. Windbreak Award: Doug & Melody Vieux.

Field Days - Informed and encouraged farmers and stockmen to attend the field days conducted by KSU experiment stations and fields, and area and state Extension educational programs. Many of our farmers attended these events.

FAC - County agent is a member of the Hodgeman County Food and Agriculture Council (FAC) meetings.

General Assistance - Assisted individuals to sample soil, seed, irrigation water, and feed ingredients to be tested, made recommendations from analysis. Distributed farm account books, tax guides, and many other publications published by KSU, USDA, etc.

Technology - Informing residents of Hodgeman County on new technological advances to help keep them on the cutting edge.

Grazing Management - Since much of the land in Hodgeman County is pasture land, the county agent has continued the grazing management program that will cover several years.

Residue Management - Working with Hg. Co. NRCS, there was a strong effort to educate the producers using constant news releases through the newspaper and newsletters.

Trees - Promoted KSU Extension Forestry Program.

Drought Management - Information has been provided on recovering from the current drought.

Non-Point Source Pollution - We are working with some local livestock producers on controlling NPS Pollution. This is a research project.

Alternative Feed Stuffs - By using cover crops, when there is moisture, grazing can be extended.

Women's Ag Night - Helped with this agriculture education event for women. Other cooperators were Hodgeman Co. Soil Conservation and Hodgeman Co Economic Development. Over 60 attended this event.

Cover Crops - held a meeting on cover crops.

Forage - Held Forage Conference to inform producers of forage options.

Family and Consumer Sciences

The mission of K-State Research and Extension Family and Consumer Sciences is to link education with life experience to help people improve their lives, their families, and their communities.

● Held Walk Kansas - 4 county teams participated in exercise and healthy living tips.

● Helped with GROW - Community Healthy Living initiative with the County Health Department & Economic Development.

● Family and Consumer Education leaders were trained to use programs. Programs were presented to four active FCE Units.

● Volunteer groups and community collaborations that benefit from the Extension FACS and 4-H involvement are Family and Community Education Units, FCE Council, FACS and Economic Development PDC's, Hodgeman County Economic Development, Hodgeman County Information Community Committee, Hodgeman County Fair Board, fair superintendents and 4-H project leaders.

● Develop Family and Community Education leadership by planning with committees for the County FCE Fall Workshop and Spring Tea meeting and the SW Area FCE meetings and State Conference. Leaders continue to develop through FCE lesson leaders, community service, accomplishment reports and general FCE operations.

● Mass media: Extension FACS Newsletter, 4-H Newsletter, newspaper, and various public service announcements and highlight features.

● Diverse groups involved with Extension FACS programs this year included, County Health Department, USDA, Senior Center, Parents as Teachers, Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, Child Care Providers, KS Dept of Health and Environment, Community Partners for Safety, Hodgeman Co. Economic Development, Hodgeman Co. Technology Committee, Farm Bureau, and Senior Care-Volunteer program committee, Red Cross, Child Care Resource & Referral Agency with Dodge City Community College.

● Research and Extension educational materials were provided to patrons on numerous topics of concern: Quantity Cooking, Analyzing Recipes, Health related diet concerns, Vegetables gardening, Food Canning, Laundry concerns, General Food Preparation, Gadget marketing. Internet research of research based references provided up-to-date information. Provided diabetic and gluten free recipes.

The Cooperative Extension Service is the off-campus teaching division of Kansas State University. The function of the Hodgeman County Extension Service is to work with the people of Hodgeman County by disseminating practical and useful information that is available from our University's teaching and research base, and to encourage its practical application on subject matter relating to Agriculture, Home Economics, 4-H & Youth, and Community Development. We also want to take to the University, those problems which are related to these program areas that can be solved by study and research.

4-H & YOUTH

The mission of K-State research & Extension 4-H Youth is to provide educational strategies and opportunities for youth and adults to work in partnership as they develop life skills to become healthy, self-directing, contributing members of society.



- 4-H members are able to develop their leadership abilities and team skills by serving as 4-H officers at the local and county level and assuming responsibility by chairing a 4-H committee.. Youth are encouraged to assume leadership roles at **4-H Day, Counselors at 4-H Camp, County Fair superintendents, 4-H Council Fund-raisers** and helping with **4-H Promotion Week, Junior Project Leaders, Club & 4-H Council Officers, Committee Members.**
- Confidence in presenting ideas is achieved when youth practice public speaking at club meetings, public presentations to civic groups, schools and **County and Regional 4-H Days.** Communication and organizational skills learned in 4-H are recognized as a strength by many community teachers and leaders.
- Values and behavior habits are formed as youth observe role-models. 4-H provides a safe learning environment in which youth learn thorough experience. Older youth leaders and adult mentors provide positive character examples such as responsibility, trustworthiness, respect and fairness and caring. The **Volunteer Information Profile (VIP)** was implemented in the county as a management and screening tool for leaders.
- Responsibility of completing 4-H projects, recording of progress is learned throughout the 4-H year. Organizational skills, record keeping are assessed through a 4-Hers record book. Record books are a tool for recording management skills, goals, and overall youth 4-H history.
- Respect for one another and sportsmanship is encouraged in all group activities. Activities that promoted these skills include: **County Fair, State Fair, Livestock Shows, 4-H Club Days.** These events give youth opportunities to display their project skills and accomplishments..
- County wide and multi county projects school/clinics offered to Hodgeman County 4-Hers included: Horse and other project meetings, **Tractor Safety,** and **Livestock Quality Assurance.**
- Youth learn to appreciate each person in their learning group and develop healthy interpersonal relationships by attending **4-H Clover camp and Day Camp.**
- Programs are offered that provide youth with problem solving skills and responsibility, these include different contests: **Consumer Life Skills Judging, Photography Judging, Crops Judging, Rabbit Judging, Livestock Judging, Rabbit Showmanship and Meats Judging** contests.
- County, area, state and national events and activities expose youth from Hodgeman county to the variety of activities and projects available. It provides youth applied learning opportunities in many vocations which contributes to the knowledge and advancement of their careers. **Teen Leader College,** and **Discovery Days** allow youth to learn skills to prepare them for the work force and plan their careers. They explore career options, identify skills it takes to become a good employee, learn how to set goals and build a career.
- Adult Leaders also are encouraged to continually enrich their leadership by attend programs opportunities for learning, such as: **SW Area KAA Record book judging, Discovery Days Advisory Committee, SW Area 4-H Leaders Volunteer Forum.** By attending these types of events responsible citizens are developed.
- 4-H accomplishments are recognized in many different ways during the 4-H year. The **County 4-H Achievement Banquet** is were the years skills and experiences for 4-H youth and adult leaders are honored. The **4-H Foundation** also honor youth by providing two college scholarship to a graduating senior. The Foundation also generously gives their support of the total County 4-H program.
- 4-H youth are valuable resources in the county. Record books show 4-H youth applying skills learned and practiced in 4-H programs to community activities in their church, school and civic organizations.
- Community Service projects conducted by many 4-H groups throughout the year teach youth their importance as resources to the success of their community and develop responsible citizens.. Examples include: **providing supplies for food banks and County Fair Cleanup,** courthouse lawn beautification, planting trees & mulching.
- The County 4-H Program is promoted during **National 4-H Week** to the county elementary school. 4-H youth show their public speaking ability by sharing with the school students what 4-H means to them and tell about what they do in their projects and activities. Assistance is provided to individuals on a daily basis to improve the overall 4-H program.
- Agent worked on becoming a certified ATV Safety Instructor with other agents. Public trainings will be coming.
- 4-H PDC updated the club seal awards application.

4-H & YOUTH Cont . . .

- Research and Extension educational materials are provided to 4-H families and leaders on numerous topics of concern.
- **Building Project** - The building project continued by working on new restrooms this year.
- **Ag Safety Day** - Worked with NRCS to host this multi-county youth education program. 150+ students were served.
- **Work with the ICCD** (Intra County Child Development) group. Made up of several organizations from numerous counties.
- **A Youth Mentor** with the FAME mentoring group.
- **Hosted the SW District FFA & 4-H Invitational** Livestock Judging Contest.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Building Strong, Healthy Communities

- Maintained the Hodgeman County website.
- Worked with Economic Development with Christmas on Main Street .
- Leadership and group-building education was provided to both youth and adults in Extension programs.
- Participated on the Hodgeman County Economic Development Committee, Hodgeman County Economic Agriculture Task Force Committee, Hodgeman County Information Community Committee, Hodgeman County Conversations and the Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- Partnered with many different agencies and committees to better develop plans that would benefit the citizens of the Hodgeman County communities.
- Attended training in alternative energy sources.
- Worked on several grants for Hodgeman County.
- Attended tabletop exercise on HorseThief Reservoir flooding.
- Alternative enterprises have been explored including triticale production, dairy bucket calves, canola and cotton.
- Worked on 911 Emergency Addressing.
- Hosted Camp Wild Women for the spring session.
- Extension Community Development Program Focus Team Attended events with that association.
- Worked on Fairground improvements.
- Part of the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).