

Impact Statements:

- 73% of “Pre-plant” workshop participants committed to adopting new seeding rates.
- 100% of Cooking with Friends participants have learned at least 1 new cooking principal or technique.
- Randall County 4-H had 194 entries at the 2014 major stock shows.
- Over 350 area youth have participated in the Egg Hatching program in the first quarter.

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Mission Statement

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Agriculture & Natural Resource

J. D. Ragland—CEA

Two Randall County producer “Pre-plant” educational programs were held earlier this year. On January 28th, 22 producers attended the “Why Sorghum Workshop?”. As our region continues to suffer from severe drought, sorghum will be a highly considered crop this coming planting season. Topics addressed were: Water District Issues, Comparing Dryland/Irrigated Sorghum Production, and Crop Insurance Requirements when Planting Sorghum. Following the program, 73% program survey respondents indicated an increase in knowledge pertaining to Water District Issues. On February 26th, 22 producers also attended the Randall County “Pre Plant Decisions Workshop”. Topics presented were: Estimating Soil Fertility, Achievable Yields for Dryland Sorghum, and Recommended Sorghum Varieties and Seeding Rates. 81% of survey respondents indicated they would in fact adopt seeding rates recommended by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.



Family & Consumer Science

Jackie Farrell—CEA

The Cooking with Friends concept was created in 2013 with a team of North Region Agents who were interested in expanding programming for healthy cooking and increasing family meals. This program was created as a series of four sessions. This pro-



gram provides at least five freezer ready main dishes for families assisting them in better healthy meal planning, cost effective recipes, family mealtime, and equipping them with basic cooking principals and techniques.

This program reaches active families with a practical program. This series was created, tested and packaged as a ready-made program. Three of the four sessions have been presented in Randall County with seventeen individuals attending. Attendees will complete the four lesson series in April 2014 and assist in piloting new sessions for 2015.

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Kim Peters, JD Ragland, Shannon Walsh and Jackie Farrell

4-H & Youth Development

Kim Peters—CEA

Randall County had a great year at the 2014 major stock shows. With a total of 194 entries shown and 82 placed collectively over the course of the season, it's easy to



see how much work these members and their families put into these projects. Randall County also had members compete for the first time in invitational events sponsored by the stock shows including the science fair, public speaking, and consumer decision making contests. Randall County 4-H members accomplished the following outstanding achievements: Grand Champion Barrow – Ft. Worth Stock Show, Grand

Champion Broilers – San Antonio Stock Show, Reserve Breed Champion Other Cross-bred Barrow – San Antonio Stock Show, Reserve Breed Champion Hampshire Barrow – San Angelo Stock Show, and Reserve Grand Champion Lamb – Star of Texas Livestock Show.

Urban Outreach

Shannon Walsh—Urban Programs

The Egg Hatching in the Classroom program has long been a favorite for curriculum enrichment in the local school districts. The program involves actually incubating / hatching fertilized eggs in the classroom. It is a great way to introduce Animal Science and Nature to the students first hand. The program has been utilized by over 350 public school students in the first quarter of this year.

In line with our promise to have our programs open to all people, we were excited to conduct the Egg Hatching in the Classroom curriculum to two home school youth. The number of home school youth participating may not have been large, but the impact to the two youth definitely was. The students' guardians included educational activities in Animal Science, Literature, Inherited Traits and Learned Behaviors based on their experience with the Egg Hatching in the (Home) Classroom program.



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