

LSU AgCenter East Feliciana Parish Profile

Report to Stakeholders January 2026



ABOUT THE LSU AGCENTER

The LSU AgCenter is dedicated to providing innovative research, information and education to improve people's lives. Working in a statewide network of parish extension offices, research stations and academic departments, the LSU AgCenter helps Louisiana citizens make the best use of natural resources, protect the environment, enhance agricultural enterprises, and develop human and community resources.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Nutrition and Community Health

Flavors of Health Program is a nutrition and health program with a community focus that provides classes and workshops on a variety of topics. This helps individuals and families make healthy food and fitness choices to live healthful lives. The program uses the latest science and evidence-based practices to support and encourage healthy food and fitness choices. Our nutrition programs, workshops, classes, and resources encourage healthy food and fitness behaviors.

4-H Youth Development

Serving 378 youth in 18 clubs, this year's focus was wildlife education- covering species, habitats, and sustainability. External grants continue to fund school gardens and workshops include fishing, shooting sports, ATV safety, drone and livestock workshops. Junior Leaders picked up trash on three parish roads as part of their service project. The Annual East Feliciana Parish Livestock Show continues to grow and is supported by a new 15-passenger van donated by the Pennington Family Foundation.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

In 2024, agriculture and natural resources in East Feliciana Parish generated over \$47.3 million, led by timber and cattle production. Clientele receive education through meetings, field days, workshops, demonstrations, newsletters, and farm visits. Programs included beef, forage, and wildlife field days, forestry and wildlife events, Master Gardener classes, and pesticide training. Private pesticide applicators learned how to safely use and store pesticides while reducing environmental impacts, while horticulture seminars helped residents improve home landscaping.

PROGRAMS

4-H and Youth Development

- 4-H.
- FFA.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Animal Production.
- Beef Cattle Production.
- Environment/Watersheds.
- Horticulture.
- Lawn and Garden.
- Pest Management.
- Forestry.
- Pond management

Nutrition and Community Health

- Healthy Communities
- Flavors of Health.

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WHOM WE REACH:

404 Youth (includes 223 4-H Members, 141 Cloverbuds, and 40 Be Fit Youth Camp)
104 Adult Volunteers (Includes 75 Master Gardeners and 29 4-H Volunteers) 15,790 adults (5,792 through agriculture and natural resources)

HOW WE REACH THEM:

4-H Clubs, school enrichment, field days, publications, newsletters, class series, website, social media, home visits, and workshops.

EXPANDING OUR EFFORTS:

104 volunteers from 4-H, Master Gardeners, Master Cattleman and Master Farmer programs, family and community program participants.

PARISH FACTS:

LSU AgCenter Extension agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to East Feliciana Parish residents. The total dollar amount from these commodities were: Animal enterprises, \$26,434,648; aquaculture and wildlife, \$2,647,032; plant enterprises, \$18,271,906.
Land area — 1,254.92 square miles; Population — 108,576; Population under 18 years old — 26.8%; Population 65 years old and over — 10.8%; Median household income — \$44,235; Persons below poverty — 17.7%

LOCAL ISSUES AND PLANS FOR THIS YEAR:

Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana agriculture.

- Conduct fruit and vegetable producer's field day.
- Coordinate Master Gardener programs.
- Conduct farm and home educational visits.
- Conduct private pesticide applicator recertification trainings.
- Assist with forage and soil testing to improve nutrient efficiency.

Promote the wide use of natural resources and protection of the environment.

- Work with forest landowners across the parish through the Feliciana Forestry Association.
- Coordinate a forest landowner annual field day and industry tour.
- Deliver educational programs on plants that attract wildlife.
- Offer livestock and forage programs to producers to increase knowledge of pests, soil, water, and nutrient management, while improving sustainability.

Build leaders and good citizens through 4-H Youth Development.

- Develop and implement service-learning projects throughout the parish.
- Enhance school garden programs to educate youth on production and food safety.
- Expand opportunities for leadership experience through camps, 4H officer and junior leadership roles, and 4H University.

Strengthen families and communities.

- A Dining with Diabetes series will be offered for adults at risk for type 2 diabetes to learn how to meal plan, carbohydrate count, portion control and label reading.
- A hypertension program, Break Up with Salt, will be conducted to help adults at risk or with high blood pressure learn about managing their condition through goal setting, diet, label reading, portion control and cooking.
- Classes on how to eat a healthy diet and how to become more physically active will be conducted for youth at the parish libraries.



HOW IS EXTENSION FUNDED?

- Federal funding from the USDA/ NIFA.
- State general funds from the Louisiana Legislature.
- Local support from parish government, including police juries and school boards.
- Self-generated funds.



WHAT ROLE DO YOU PLAY?

Our stakeholders at the parish level are the local supporters and beneficiaries of the LSU AgCenter cooperative extension programs. Their support keeps these critical programs in their communities.



EACH PARISH OFFERS PROGRAMMING IN:

- 4-H and Youth Development.
- Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- Nutrition and Community Health



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