

Caldwell Parish Profile



Report to Stakeholders

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About the LSU AgCenter

The LSU AgCenter is dedicated to providing innovative research, information and education to improve people's lives. Working in a unique 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

Family, Nutrition and Health

Individuals and families today deal with multiple issues in raising children, eating right and spending smart in order to live well. Nutrition programs taught are designed to help clientele increase their nutrition knowledge which in turn helps them live a healthier lifestyle. Youth participating in the Let's Eat For the Health of It pilot program learn the importance of making healthier choices and the harmful effects of eating food high in calories, fat and sugar over an extended period of time. WIC clients learn how to stretch their food dollars by participating in food preparation demonstrations using ingredients that can be purchased with their WIC vouchers.



4-H, Youth and Family Development

The 321 youth enrolled in 4-H, grades 4-12, meet monthly and have the opportunity to learn and practice parliamentary procedure, gain information about club contests, events and camps and learn from demonstrations presented by their peers and 4-H staff. Club meeting programs include leadership, safety, workforce preparation, fitness and health, gardening and agriculture. Two project clubs meet monthly, the Junior Leader Club, grades 7-12, and the Fashion, Food and Fitness Club, grades 4-6. Junior Leaders learn skills by becoming more engaged in 4-H and their community through community service and service-learning experiences. Members of the Fashion, Food and Fitness Club are engaged in experiential learning on topics such as nutrition, fitness, fashion and grooming.



Agriculture & Natural Resources

Caldwell Parish is a rural parish that has row crops and timber for the bulk of its income. Many producers raise cattle to subsidize their income. The LSU AgCenter provides producers with research-based information taken from variety test plots planted in the parish to better prepare them for the growing season. Producers learn about pasture management and pesticides and are able to take better care of their pastures, which produce higher-quality hay and animals for the marketplace. Corn and soybeans are becoming more prevalent in the parish because of the initial cost of planting cotton.

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Programs

4-H, Youth and Family Development

Citizenship/Leadership
Science, Engineering and
Technology (SET)
Healthy Living

Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR)

Agricultural Crop Production
Corn, Soybeans and Grain
Crops, Cotton, Rice
Animal Production
Beef Cattle, Horses, Poultry,
Sheep and Goats, Swine
Environment/Watersheds
Horticulture/Lawns and
Gardens
Pest Management

Family, Nutrition and Health

Smart Portions
Smart Bodies
Healthy Beginnings
Community Nutrition

Who we reach.

1,820 – Youth
 (includes youth reached through 4-H and SNAP-Ed programs)
 1,021 – Adults
 582 Ag & Natural Resources
 439 Family, Nutrition and Health

How we reach them:

4-H Clubs	Class series
School enrichment	Demonstrations
Field days	Workshops
Newsletters	Websites
Publications	

Expanding our efforts:

37 Volunteers –
 4-H, Youth and Family Development

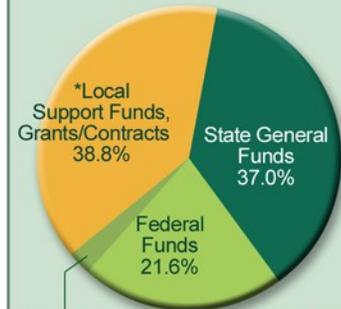
Parish Facts

LSU AgCenter County Agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to Caldwell Parish clientele. The 2012 total dollar amount from these commodities were:
 – Plant enterprises – \$37,030,003.00
 – Fisheries and Wildlife – \$1,817,193.00
 – Animal enterprises – \$6,279,883.00

Data from the Louisiana Ag Summary
Web site: LSUAgCenter.com/agsummary

Population – 10,004
 Land area (square miles) – 529.43
 Persons under 18 years old – 23.0%
 Persons 65 years old and over – 15.5%
 Median household income – \$38,606
 Persons below poverty – 19.7%

Extension Funding FY 2013



*2013 Local support goal - 20% of salaries and benefits

*The Caldwell office is funded locally by the Caldwell Parish Police Jury and Caldwell Parish School Board. The Police Jury provides an office and 10% of Caldwell employee's salaries. The Caldwell Parish School Board provides 10% of employee's salaries.

How we are funded.

You are the local supporters and beneficiaries in the LSU AgCenter's Extension programs. Just 20 percent support keeps these programs in your community.

Your parish extension office offers programs in:

- Sustaining Louisiana's agriculture, forestry and fisheries.
- Building leaders and good citizens through 4-H youth development.
- Family, nutrition and health to enhance the quality of life for Louisiana citizens.

Local Issues & Plans for this year.

1. The LSU AgCenter will continue to educate the public on the benefits of producer agriculture.

- Conduct public meetings on agriculture
 - Conduct farm and home educational visits
2. Continue educating producers on glyphosate alternatives and other farm chemicals
 3. Continue research on the small grains being grown in our parish with on-site farm variety demonstrations
 4. Provide public with more information on forestry, the primary source of agriculture income for Caldwell Parish
 5. Inform producers on all aspects of beef cattle production



6. Develop leaders and productive citizens through 4-H youth development.

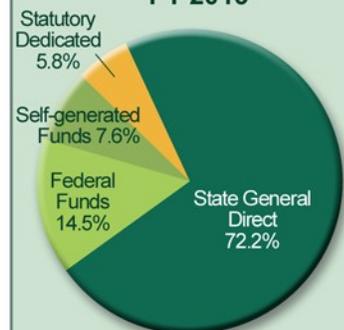
- 4-H youth gained skills in safety and leadership including communication, public speaking, team building and parliamentary procedure. Project club members have the opportunity for more in-depth study of specific projects and to become involved in community affairs.
7. Provide information on small animal 4-H projects due to the high cost of feed and hay deterring members from participating in large animal 4-H projects



8. Strengthen families and communities

- SNAP-Ed clients will receive training on eating healthy, nutritious food, food safety, budgeting food dollars and adopting healthy weight management practices.
- Youth will participate in the Smart Body Body Walk. Students from kindergarten through sixth grade will learn the importance of eating healthy food and how it affects the body.
- Youth and adults will learn about eating balanced diets and reducing salt, sugar and fat in meals and gain knowledge on the prevention of chronic diseases.

LSU AgCenter State Appropriated Funds FY 2013



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