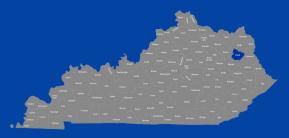
REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

# **ELLIOTT COUNTY 2024**

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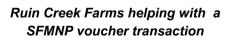
## **Agriculture and Natural Resources**

The Elliott County Extension Office partnered with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program to help provide locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables to over 300 seniors by issuing \$15,000 in SFMNP voucher cards.

93% of the program voucher money was spent at our local farmers markets. This was beneficial to both the local farmers and local seniors putting Elliott Co. on the right track towards a healthier community!

#### In 2024 Elliott County hosted the 4-H Area Tractor Driving Competition!







Elliott County 4-H Youth participated in the 2024 Area Tractor Driving Competition



Taking a spin on the smoothie bike to make a healthy treat at the Kids Bucks Kick off

Number of families/caregivers who reported supplementing their diets with healthy foods that they grew or preserved (community or backyard gardens, fishing, hunting, farmers markets)





Elliott County joined up with Morgan, Fleming, and Menifee Counties to offer a great opportunity for 4-Hers who are Sophomores and Juniors and have interest in possibly pursuing a career in agriculture.

The Program is called the Agriculture Career Discovery Course (ACDC). ACDC participants learn about different career options in agriculture through a series of 7 field trips and 1 classroom meeting.

Field trips include a visit to UK college of Agriculture, a behind the scenes tour of the North American Livestock Show, a visit to the West Liberty Veterinarian Clinic, and a Capstone trip to the University Of Auburn!



ACDC Students Touring College Of Agriculture at the University of Kentucky



ACDC students were able to get a behind the scenes look at the North American Livestock Show with Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture-Warren Beeler



Number of youth who demonstrated a skill that was learned or improved by participating in 4-H agriculture programming





Each month the Elliott County Extension Office hosts the God's Pantry Food Drop Program. This program provides food for low income families throughout the county. Gods Food Pantry provides food for over 120 families each month with commodities that they might not be able to have otherwise.

In 2024 the extension office also hosted a successful Veteran's Christmas Box Program. This program provides food boxes to local veterans. We were able to reach 37 veterans and show our appreciation for their service to our country.

During the Summer of 2024 the Elliott County Extension Office partnered up with the Rowan County Extension Office to host a food preservation workshop. 19 individuals were able to learn safe home food preservation practices.



Pallets of fresh produce from Gods Food Pantry.



Veterans Christmas Box handed out to local veterans in need



Number of individuals who reported improved knowledge, opinions, skills, or aspirations regarding the safe storage, handling, preparation and/or preservation of food



### Check out our other extension programs!



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#### **Agriculture and Natural Resources:**

BQCA, Farmers Market, Kids Bucks, Master Loggers, Small Ruminant Programs, Soil Testing, CAIP Education Programs, Eastern KY Hay Contest, Plant Orders, Root stock, Conservation and Tree ID Hikes





### **4-H Youth Development:**

Livestock Club, Country Ham Project, Shooting Sports Club, Conservation Club, Teen Leadership Academy, Agriculture Career Discovery Course, Reality Store, 4-H/FFA Educational Field Trips, 4-H Tractor Driving Competition and 4-H Camp

### **Family and Consumer Sciences:**

God's Pantry Food Drop, Cooking Through The Calendar, Country Ham Project, LEAP, Veterans Food Boxes, Plate it Up! KY Proud, Food Preservation, and Physical Activity Lessons



#### Cooperative Extension Service

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