

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Cooperative Extension Program

SRPLN FCS State Report 2012

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Name of Institution: **Prairie View A&M University**
Prairie View, Texas

Budget Situation:

- Certain county agents received a one-time merit increase of \$490 or \$1200 based upon their performance and a base salary increase of \$445 or \$1300.
- Certain headquarters staff members received merit increases.

Staffing Update (field and state office):

- Hired a Health Coordinator office is located at Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing in Houston, Texas Medical Center
- Hired a Program Specialist – Nutrition located at headquarters
- Hired new agents in Collin, Maverick, (2) Harris, and Washington counties.
- Hired new EFNEP nutrition assistants in Harris County
- In the process of filling FCS agents positions in 4 counties (Potter, Cameron, Wharton, McLennan)
- In the process of filling EFNEP position in 2 new counties (Starr and Waller)

Program Highlights of Current Year

- Falls County successfully implemented a Biggest Loser (Healthy Lifestyle) initiative, which was a 15/6 week program designed to help people of all ages support one another to establish the habit of regular physical activity. A total of 41 participants completed the fifteen and six week programs, losing a combined weight of 256.9 pounds.
- Bell County implemented “Let’s Get Physical” 5K Run/Walk and Health fair attracted over 300 participants. There were 28 exhibitors and a Farmers Market that provided over \$200 worth of free products to all attendees.
- Fort bend County implemented a “Recreation Road Show” to promote the usage of local parks during the summer. Program participants were encouraged to utilize the local parks as a way to be engaged in outdoor physical activity. A total of 137 youth participated in various outdoor educational activities that inspired their outdoor creativity and increased nutrition education.

New or Unique Collaborations and/or Funding Sources

- FCS headquarters staff implemented professional development presentation during monthly headquarters staff conference. On a rotational basis, each unit will take the lead in conducting professional development presentations.
- Agents conducted a workshop entitled “You and Your Money” to 1,750 PVAMU Spring ’11 Freshman and we are on schedule to conducted this workshop for incoming Freshman Fall ’12
- Waller County CEP-FCS agent took the lead in forming a Coalition with her AgriLife FCS agent and other community agencies to form the “Waller County Alliance for Healthy Life Style Choices” and successfully receive a 6 million dollar grant over 5 years to employ community health educators.