

Southern Region Program Leadership Committee Kentucky State Report

Situation Analysis

Extension Staff in each of Kentucky's 120 counties recently completed a situation analysis for the purpose of identifying program thrusts for FY05-08. Counties were encouraged to first expand and strengthen their local County Extension Councils and the involve members of those councils in the process of situation analysis. Council members were asked to lead community forums, conduct interviews, or help collect existing data. Once collected, data were shared with the full Council. In the past, agents collected and shared the data. Resource materials provided to counties to support this process can be found at:

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/AgPSD/powhelp.htm>

Standard In-Service Evalaution

In response to a recommendation by a special committee examining agent development and training, the Program and Staff Development Office has developed a standard instrument for evaluating all in-service training sessions. The single-page tool is available on the web as a .pdf form that can be custom-tailored to each session. Forms are distributed and collected at each session and returned as a batch to the Program and Staff Development Office. They are scanned with a high-volume sheet-fed scanner and analyzed using Remark Office OMR. Summaries of the results are sent to both the instructor and Department Chair. A more detailed description of how the process works can be found at:

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/AgPSD/inseval.htm>

Graduate Education

The Department of Community and Leadership Development is developing a non-teaching option for students enrolled in its Career and Technical Education Masters Degree. The new option in Community and Leadership Development is anticipated to be particularly attractive to Extension Agents. Core courses include program development and evaluation, social science methods, community development, and community communications. The degree option is anticipated to be available by Fall 2005.