

Program Impacts:

- **AGRICULTURE:** 22 participants attend Small Grains Education meeting in Vega
- **HORTICULTURE :** 8 participants attend Low Water Horticulture Meeting
- **4-H :** 4 members earn over \$25,000 in prizes and scholarships
- **4-H:** 209 students attend 2015 Nature of Things Exposition

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Mission Statement

Improving the lives of people, businesses, and communities across Texas and beyond through high-quality, relevant education.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

The Texas A&M University System,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
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Family and Consumer Sciences

Better Living for Texans (BLT): The Oldham County Extension Office has been helping out with the monthly mobile food box distribution. Each month when Oldham County has their food distribution a handout is prepared for each recipient that includes a food tip and a healthy, affordable recipe.

4-H and Youth Development



Nature of Things: The 4-H and Extension Office of Oldham County did not let the wet dreary weather get them down as they held the 7th consecutive Nature of Things Expo at Boys Ranch! Even though it was held in the practice gym on the Boys Ranch Campus, 6 different presenters delivered an excellent set of programs to all 2nd through 5th grade students in Oldham County.

Two hundred and nine students attended the event and learned a range of topics including:

Wildlife safety – Shelby Campbell (Dallam/Hartley County)

Soil Composition – Oldham County NRCS Tricia McKarns and Kendall Tidwell

Quail habits and habitat – Dale Dunlap (Wheeler County)

Meteorology – Nick Fenner of National Weather Service

Careers as a game warden – Shane Lewis

Taxidermy – Kelcy Koehler of Lonestar Taxidermy

Events such as this would not be possible without the generous support of our local sponsors!

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Livestock Judging: The spring turned out to be a busy and successful time for the Livestock Judging youth of Oldham County! 10 4-H Members competed at 2 different contests with great amounts of success! Those members were: Kyler Lamberson, Heidi Gruhlkey, Jackson Neelley, Trevor Kent, Miles Neelley, Hanna Gruhlkey, Jentry White, Brody Black, Emily Schooler, and Zowie Watt. At the district competition, the Junior Girls won the Swine Division and took 5th Place Overall!



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District Round Up: On April 24th, 3 Oldham County 4-H Members competed at the District 1 Round-Up in Canyon. Joshua Allemand qualified for State with his musical Share-The-Fun performance. Other participants included Kate Tretow and Mary Claire Spinhirne.

Fashion Project: The fashion 4-Hers of Oldham County have had a busy and SUCCESSFUL year! On April 14th, the team of Rosie Wright, Avery Britten, and Kylee Brorman took 1st Place in their respective division in the District Duds to Dazzle Competition.



Also, 6 4-H members competed at the District 1 Fashion Show, with Rosie Wright taking First Place in her respective division. Other participants included Linlee Spinhirne, Avery Britten, Kylee Brorman, Kate Tretow and Morgan Haschke.

Agriculture and Horticulture

Small Grains Education: On March 25th, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Oldham County held a local forum to convey educational material to its local producers on the most valuable products in the county. Presenters and Topics included:

Calvin Trostle—Annual Forages for Hay and Grazing and Wheat Management

Jourdan Bell— Sorghum Silage and Herbicide Trials

Ed Bynum—Green Bug and Sugar Cane Aphid Management

Dede Jones—Market Outlook and Update

According to surveys, the 20 attendants saw a 39% overall increase in knowledge on all subjects, which also included the use of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension as a viable tool within Oldham County.



Horticulture Meeting: On April 28th, 8 Oldham County residents attended the 2015 Horticulture Meeting at the County Barn in Vega. Topics included:

Dick Cameron—Low Water Plant Information

Liz Moore—Improving Soil Composition

Austin Voyles—Rain Harvest

Currently, results have not been returned from the evaluation. Participants feedback suggests an extremely successful meeting with up-to-date and innovative information.

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