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Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Brant Baugh, CEA-AG/NR had 3 result demonstrations planned for this growing season: a Planting Date Study mixed with a seed population study starting April and ending in June; due to the drought, the cotton didn't emerge until the late rain in mid-June.
- Biologicals are increasing in importance in grain crops; Brant Baugh had 4 grain sorghum fields identified for the baculovirus insecticides for control of sorghum head worm. Due to the drought, none of these fields made it to panicle initiation.
- Brant Baugh planted an area wide cotton variety trial with 8 varieties that are still going strong. He also had 118 field visits dealing with abandonment, PGR use, fertility, weed control, drift and late aphids. He is now scheduling for harvest aid planting and implementation.
- Robert Scott, CEA-AG validated 230 4-H and FFA steers (the most in the state of Texas); and also conducted validation for lambs, goats, swine and heifers to show at the State Fair.
- Robert Scott held an Outdoor Education meeting to teach 4-H'ers about fishing, lake health and outdoor grilling with 15 youth attending; a summer Youth Fishing Tournament was held for 56 4-H'ers. He also served as a District chaperone at Texas 4-H Congress in Austin.
- Robert Scott held a Backyard Poultry Production program with 26 homeowners attending.

Family & Community Health

- The Texas Extension Education Association State Conference was held in Lubbock, September 12-13; 250 members from across the state attended, including Lubbock County members. Cory Edwards, CEA-FCH assisted with hosting responsibilities.
- Cory Edwards collaborated with 5 other Extension Agents to provide a Virtual Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School through a private Facebook group; the 12-week school conducted in August had 127 participants. In July, Cory also conducted a "Preserving Your Harvest" canning class with 8 participants attending and canning their own jam and carrots.
- Walk Across Texas! Lubbock County kicked off on Monday, September 12 with 15 teams participating; the 8-week series encourages participants to make physical activity a habit.
- Ashlyn Aljoe, EA-FCH conducted "A Fresh Start to a Healthier You!" series from March-July for the Foster Grandparents program. The series emphasized increasing fruit and vegetable intake, physical activity, food safety and food management; food demonstrations and recipes were provided for participants so that they could prepare them on their own.
- Amber Bozeman, EA-BLT conducted the "Fresh Start" four part series for participants at the Family Guidance Outreach Center this summer; the Live Zoom presentations had 15 participants with 11 graduates. Amber also presented the "Choose Healthy" four part series for 200 youth participants at the Slaton and Shallowater After School Centers for Education with 123 graduating.
- The "Learn, Grow, Eat and Go!" program was presented at the South Plains Food Bank for GRUB participants by CEA's Amber Bozeman, Christina Reid, Cory Edwards and Ashlyn Aljoe; the 10-week program had 38 youth participants with 16 graduates and 436 contacts.

4-H & Youth Development

- Ronda Alexander, CEA 4-H, and Summer Intern Kyler Hardegree held the summer Youth Vet Science Day Camp providing 27 youth participants an opportunity to tour the TTU Meats lab, Rocking P Vet Services, the Cotton Lane Dairy and the TTU Vet School. Youth also participated in hands-on activities and made dog toys for Lubbock MOW clients.
- 4-H Summer Day Camps allowed youth to have a variety of hands-on experiences. Eight 4-H Clovers (youth K-2nd grade) participants learned to make a healthy fruit snack and prepared 4 projects for entry in the South Plains Fair; 5 senior 4-H'ers served as leaders for the Day Camp. The 4-H Food, Fun and Fashion day-long workshop provided an opportunity for 15 3rd-12th grade youth to make a healthy meal and snack, practice writing thank-you's and make 3 projects for entry in the South Plains Fair; 6 4-H'ers served as camp leaders.
- The County 4-H Achievement Banquet provided over 220 recognitions for 4-H'ers and adult volunteers, recognizing their achievements and accomplishments for 2021-22.