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County Report

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Smithfield County **Summer 2004**

4-H Youth Development

Smithfield County 4-H focuses on teaching life skills through fun educational, hands-on, experiential activities for youth ages 9-19.

4-H Members Learn Life Skills

Team members John Smith, Sally Jones and Rick Williams placed 4th at the state 4-H Meats Judging Contest with their ability to identify unlabeled retail cuts of meat, evaluate quality of four similar cuts of meat and verbally explain their decisions. Xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Family and Consumer Sciences provides education and resources in science-based educational programs that address issues of importance to citizens of Smithfield County. Education is focused on family economics, health and safety, human development, and nutrition and food safety.

Learn Cooking Skills by Practice and by Teaching others

"Families First" students demonstrated their food preparation skills by teaching 36 limited income parents to prepare inexpensive, nutritious meals for their families. The "Families First" teachers learned their teaching skills by participating in four sessions taught by xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Extension agents work with farmers and homeowners to provide research-based information related to production agriculture and horticulture problems.

Southeast Pride Plus E.I.D.

More than 10,000 head of beef feeder calves were marketed for area producers through the Smithfield County program. Financial results of this marketing effort provided an extra $315,510 to area producers. Participants in the Southeast Pride Plus E.I.D. had 180 calves in a specific health program. By participating in this program, owners had a return of $96.54/head over the weekly auction price. Xxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

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Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development.
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.
UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

Resource Development

Resource Development includes four program areas: human resource development (people development or leadership development), community facilities and services, economic development and environmental improvement.

Environmental Field Day

Smithfield County, a growing suburban community, has recently seen many large farms sold to create housing development projects. These developments cause numerous problems with both surface and underground water quality. Typical construction causes sediment runoff into nearby streams and lakes. The county does not provide a sewer system to these areas, so numerous septic systems are in use throughout the county.

To educate youth about potential environmental issues, a county-wide field-day was conducted for 700 youth in 4th and 5th grades. The objective was to help youth understand the consequences of urban sprawl and human intervention on the environment and water quality. Xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

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