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# Walker County 2010-2011 Annual Report

*Bringing the research information, education, and resources from the College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences and the College of Family & Consumer Sciences to the citizens of Walker County.*

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## Agriculture & Natural Resources

- ◇ 2241 Walker County farmers/homeowners/youth attended one of 36 agricultural workshop/ programs held at the Walker County Ag Center/Extension Office/ Local farms.
- ◇ Worked closely with both the Tri-State Cattlemen's and the Northwest Georgia Beekeepers Associations to assist them with their monthly educational meetings in Walker County.
- ◇ Local Master Gardeners volunteered numerous hours on behalf of Extension to promote gardening education.
- ◇ Assisted clients with Ag related questions through office visits, phone calls, and farm/site visits.
- ◇ Recorded over 300 5-minute spots which were aired on WQCH AM 1590 radio on various agricultural topics.
- ◇ Wrote over 45 "Extension News" columns for the Walker County Messenger focusing on farming and gardening issues.
- ◇ Submitted Ag samples to the UGA lab for local clients:
  - Soil Test—529
  - Poultry Litter—38
  - Hay/Feed—19



## 4-H Youth Development

- ◇ 796, Fifth grade students took part in a six month 4-H program focusing on Language Arts and Science curriculum based on Georgia Performance Standards. Lessons included focus on microbes and germs, erosion of our Georgia Barrier Islands, research and writing a speech and presenting a demonstration in front of an audience.
- ◇ 144, Sixth-Eighth grade students participated in monthly educational after-school meetings, centered on grade level community service, AgriScience and financial literacy.
- ◇ 33, First-Twelfth grade students participated in community based programming, focused on Service Learning and Leadership.
- ◇ 629 students presented a demonstration of their choice in county-based competition, 61 of those went on to participate in the district competition, with 16 of those placing first in their project category.
- ◇ Community Service events were conducted throughout the year including donations of 9,180 letters for the troops, 5,090 valentines for nursing home residents, and helped in the state-wide collection of 17,170 pounds of pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House in which half of the proceeds (\$5,284) were donated to the Chattanooga RMH during the annual telethon in March.

## Family & Consumer Sciences

- ◇ In the absence of a Family and Consumer Science Agent, the Walker County Extension Office has still provided numerous clients with printed materials on food preservation, food safety, indoor environment, and energy conservation.



Through County Extension offices, the UGA—College of Ag & Enviro. Sciences helps Georgians become healthier, more productive, financially independent and environmentally responsible.



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