

SECTION E - ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

All aspects of our precious environment are major concerns for not only farmers, but for all citizens. Clean water, clean air, clean rivers, and attractive landscapes lead to not only a healthier lifestyle but also to a higher quality of life. Extension can have a major impact on educating all citizens of the county through concentrated efforts for specific programming as well as interdisciplinary approach to programming designed to reach broad and diverse audiences.

Education is the key to a cleaner and healthier environment. Many citizens are not aware of the complex interactions between various aspects of the environment, and often have misconceptions about the consequences of taking certain actions.

Although farmers are often blamed for many of the environmental issues we face, few citizens realize that collectively they have far greater impact. Since Extension is involved with a variety of programs reaching diverse audiences we have the opportunity to reinforce virtually all of our educational programming with environmental education.