



ANNUAL REPORT

MSU Extension Delta County

Food • Ag • Youth • Health • Environment • Community

Since 1914, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension has helped residents in Delta County improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities.

61

Programs hosted in Delta County

1681

Participants attended programs hosted in Delta County

224

MSU Extension Programs (in county, online or statewide) were attended by Delta County residents

1685

Delta County Residents attended MSU Extension Programs (in county, on-line or statewide)

16,319

Facebook reach

875

Individual class sessions attended

26

Submissions to Ask Extension

44

Programs delivered by Delta County staff

DELTA COUNTY STAFF

1

Extension Educator

1

Outreach Academic Specialist

1

4-H Program Coordinator

.5

Community Nutrition Instructor

21

Partnerships and coalitions

DELTA COUNTY FOCUS AREAS

Agriculture

MSU Extension works to increase farmers' success while protecting the environment, ensuring food safety, reaching new markets and advancing agriculture through applied research. Agriculture is now one of the fastest growing sectors of the Michigan economy. Highlights include:

- Growing UP Ag Association Annual Meeting
- U.P. Potato Field Day
- Agriculture for Tomorrow Conference
- Heroes to Hives Online Program
- Beef Quality Assurance Training
- In-Person Pesticide Core Testing and Review
- Residential & Commercial Soil Testing

Environment

Our natural resources programs improve public understanding, help landowners and communities use those assets for sustainable long-term social and economic development and conserve natural resources for future generations. Highlights include:

- 2022 Introduction to Lakes Online
- Out of Bounds Birds 2022
- 2022 Michigan Birding 101 Spring Course
- Birding 101 Fall Refresher - 2022
- Escanaba Community Garden Orientation & Smart Gardening Meeting

Community

Successful and thriving communities combine knowledgeable and engaged legislators, businesses, community groups and residents. By connecting these groups with the most trusted tools, MSU Extension helps enhance the quality of life in Michigan. Highlights include:

- UP Food Hub Feasibility Study
- Citizen Planner Online Program
- Consumer Horticulture Lawn & Garden Hotline - UP Responder Team
- Smart Gardening Outreach at the Escanaba Kiwanis Home & Garden Show
- Smart Gardening Outreach at the Bay de Noc Gardening Conference

Health & Nutrition

MSU Extension's programming promotes healthy lifestyles and empowers Michigan residents to take control of their health. Participants learn how to build nutritious diets on a budget, reduce food borne diseases and become leaders in the food industry. Highlights include:

- Basic Food Preservation
- Water Bath Canning
- Pressure Canning & Dehydrating
- Food Gifts
- Nutrition Education/Physical Activity Rapid River Public Schools, Lemmer Elementary School
- Teen Cuisine, Student Success Center
- Tai Chi for Balance/Diabetes
- RELAX Alternatives to Anger
- Stress Less with Mindfulness

4-H Programs and Youth

Keeping Michigan families strong and successful—financially, emotionally and physically—is a big part of measuring MSU Extension's success. Programs devoted to keeping families safe include those dealing with bullying and violence prevention. Highlights include:

- SPIN Club - Culinary Club
- Great Lakes Sport & Recreation After School Archery Program
- UPSF Poultry & Rabbit Meat and Market Egg Classes/Auction
- SPIN Club- Sewing Up A Storm, Introductory and Level II
- SPIN Clubs-Delta Sure Shots Archery (spring/fall)
- SPIN Club-Delta Sure Shots-BB Gun
- Bonifas Arts Center Art Camp 1 and 2
- Delta County 4-H Outdoor Skills Survivor Camp
- U.P. State Fair Livestock Skillathon-Youth & Adult
- Christmas Around The World
- Hannahville Youth Services KID ZONE Slime Making

Delta County 4-H

*According to research completed by the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, 4-H'ers are **4X** more likely to make contributions to their communities, **2X** more likely to be civically active, and **2X** more likely to make healthier choices.*

22

Clubs/Programs

208

Members

43

Adult Volunteers