



# **Ohio State University Extension in Fayette County**



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## **Vision**

Ohioans have the *knowledge* and *resources* they need to *actively engage* in creating conditions in which they *thrive*.

## **Mission**

We create *opportunities* for people to explore how *science-based knowledge* can improve *social, economic, and environmental conditions*.

## **Values**

**Teamwork and partnerships**  
**Integration of science and local knowledge**  
**Respectful community engagement**  
**Credibility, honesty, and integrity**  
**Innovation, flexibility, and adaptability**  
**Relevance and responsiveness**  
**Leveraging resources**  
**Lifelong learning**  
**Diversity** in all of its forms  
The **contributions** of **all people** toward achieving **organizational** and **societal goals**

## **What is Extension?**

### **Ohio State University Extension In Fayette County**

Your Fayette County office of OSU Extension is one of the 88 county offices in Ohio. We are a community-based outreach unit of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) at Ohio State University. Extension works to share research-based knowledge to help build better lives, communities and businesses. Extension connects with people in all stages of life in areas such as families, farms, businesses and community leaders.

Featured Programs in Fayette County include:

- 4-H Youth Development
- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Community Development
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Healthy Options Program

# 4-H Youth Development

## The Program

Fayette County 4-H uses the power of experiential learning to teach leadership, citizenship, community service, and life skills. Nearly 675 youth participate in Fayette County 4-H clubs which are led by over 100 4-H advisors.

## Life Skills Development

4-H uses projects, project judging, youth officers, and teen leadership to teach skills such as decision making, responsibility, interviewing, and leading a meeting. Members choose from 200 project choices annually, set goals, and learn about anything from science to woodworking, cooking to animals.

## Community Partners

Fayette 4-H works with schools and the community to offer financial education to seventh graders through our Real Money Real World program. We have resources available for elementary teachers in the areas of chick embryology and STEM. Our newest partnership is with the Juvenile Courts system offering CARTEENS, a traffic safety program conducted by 4-H teen leaders and their program partners for juvenile traffic offenders.

### Builds Lifelong Skills



### Inspires Curiosity



### Serves the Community



### Grows Leaders



### Fuels Adventure



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# Agriculture and Natural Resources

## Agronomy/Precision Agriculture

In cooperation with the Southwest Ohio Corn Growers and the Fayette County Agronomy Club the annual field day is held at the Fayette County Research and Demonstration Farm. The event is open to the public and draws 300 participants annually. Topics include but are not limited to Precision Agriculture equipment, Agronomic crops, Grain Marketing and Input outlooks, Crop diseases, Cover Crop Management, Soil Health, and Water Quality.



## On-Farm Research

Fayette County is a contributor to the e-Fields on farm research program. Using the Fayette County Farm and local growers working with OSU Extension to establish replicated research plots to investigate practices to reduce input costs, understand soil quality, and optimize profitability. An annual report of these statewide research projects can be found at: [digitalag.osu.edu/efields](http://digitalag.osu.edu/efields).



## Farm Management

Farmer and non-Farmer clients can get the latest information on Land Values and Cash Rental rates from resources provided through the Ohio State University Farm Office, [farmoffice.osu.edu/](http://farmoffice.osu.edu/). The Agricultural Lenders Seminar provides updates and information on current agricultural issues for our Ag. Lenders. Topics on solar contracts, woodland values, outlooks on prices, the Farm Bill, and New Farmer Tax credits are examples that are covered.



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# Family and Consumer Sciences

## Financial Literacy Program

Financial Literacy Education is about meeting people where they are struggling with financial wellbeing. We provide education and resources to help individuals to assess their financial circumstances, increase financial management skills, reduce debt to increase their savings and improve consumer financial decision-making abilities.



## Life Skills Program

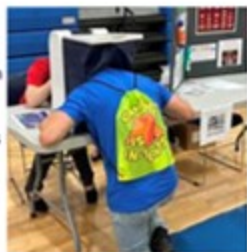
Fayette County life skills programs include Cooking, Nutrition, Food Preservation & Safety, Hygiene, Laundry, and internet safety. These programs are offered to numerous audiences.

Community members reached through these opportunities, individuals participating in the Juvenile Court System, Adults and Youth through Jobs & Family Services, Community Action, Fayette County Early Learning Center, Second Chance Center of Hope, Ohio Means Jobs, as well as Fayette County YMCA.

## Community & Employee Wellness Programs

OSU offers email challenge programs that focus on the diversity of topics concerning wellness. These challenges include live webinars that focus on stress management, mindful wellness, meal preparation, movement, fall prevention and emotional wellness. Wellness resources are shared with community partners to encourage a cultural shift towards healthy living and wellness.

Fayette County OSU offers DermaScan skin viewings to raise awareness of skin damage caused by the sun. Resources are provided for recommendations on protecting your skin from UV rays. Educational activities and resources are targeted for youth and adults.



## Food Preservation & ServSafe Education

Food safety courses are offered at the Fayette County Extension offices. We offer canning and ServSafe level 1 & 2.

## SNAP-ED

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) is a federally funded grant program. SNAP-Ed is evidence-based and helps people make their SNAP dollars stretch, teaches them how to cook healthy meals, and lead physically active lifestyles. SNAP-Ed partners with State and local organizations to meet people where they are. The goal of SNAP-Ed is to implement a nutrition education and obesity prevention program for eligible individuals that promotes healthy food choices and physical activity consistent with the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans.



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# Healthy Opportunities Program (HOP)

The Healthy Opportunities Program in Fayette County focuses on three health disparities related to poor nutrition, physical inactivity, and obesity:



**Produce Incentives for food and nutrition security** to increase usage of available produce incentives and fruit and vegetable vouchers in Fayette County, and promote healthy options in food service, concessions, and vending machines.



**Safe and accessible physical activity** to identify and increase the use of safe crosswalks, safe routes to school, safe and accessible options for healthy food purchase and consumption, and overall increased activity and green space in everyday locations/areas.



**Connect producers and locally grown foods to early care providers** to connect local foods and producers to early care providers to highlight agriculture education and incorporate local foods grown right here in Fayette County into everyday meals and snacks for youth.



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# Community Development



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OSU Extension is a leader in community development education and an unbiased partner as strategies are implemented to achieve community and organizational goals. Our community development professionals enhance the well-being of communities and neighborhoods via interactive and collaborative partnerships with local businesses, organizations, community leaders, and local officials.

OSU Extension applies cutting-edge research, education, and innovations to improve the local businesses and communities it serves. Our economic, small business, and job development programs are tailored to local community needs in every county, whether metropolitan, rural, or suburban.

## Leadership Development



## Entrepreneurship Education



## Workforce Development





# Master Gardener Volunteer Program



Fayette County Master Gardener Volunteers

The Master Gardener Volunteer program provides intensive training in horticulture to interested Ohio residents who then volunteer their time assisting with educational programs and activities for the community.

Volunteers are not required to have gardening skills or knowledge; a passion for learning about gardening and sharing this knowledge with others is a must! The university will help provide the knowledge.

In Fayette County, the Master Gardener Volunteers are responsible for educating the community through a variety of activities. The biggest project of the Master Gardeners is Sponsor A Pot. This city-wide beautification project places flowerpots around the main stretch of Washington Court House and allows for the upkeep of the Veteran's Park and Sharp's Monument. This project is supported through the generosity of the community organizations, businesses, and individuals, and the support of Brent and Nancy McClish that assist in planting the pots every year.

The Master Gardeners also host a Daylily Show every year. The Daylily Show is open to the public for exhibition and for viewing. The show gives an opportunity for horticulturalists to show off their green thumbs and allows the community to learn about horticulture exhibition.

The Fayette County Master Gardeners also play a pivotal role with community education. Through various partnerships, including the Fayette County YMCA, the Master Gardeners teach gardening classes and aid in starting learning gardens around the community.



Fayette County Master Gardeners  
Daylily Show Entries



Sponsor A Pot Flowerpots

## **Fayette County Agricultural Hall of Fame**

The Fayette County Agricultural Hall of Fame inducted its first members in 2001. An idea by founder, Larry Lotz, Fayette County Extension Agent (1989-2001) became reality with money raised at his retirement party to begin a treasury.

Inductees represent contributions in Fayette County, but also in state, national and even international levels. These members are recognized for such accomplishments as livestock and/or crop production, equipment designers, seedsmen and those involved in agricultural education, business and extension.



Showcases are located in the Fayette County Agricultural Center and can be viewed during regular business hours. Applications are accepted all year and can be printed from our website or picked up in our office.

If you would like to serve on the committee or have any questions, please contact our office.

# Visit Our Office

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## **Examples of some services available in our office:**

- **Informational Handouts** – A wide variety of FREE informational handouts from all our program areas are available.
- **Program Registration** – Various programs are offered throughout the year by all of our educators. Check our website and social media regularly to see what is scheduled.
- **Publications** – Ohio State University Extension offers a variety of reference publications. We stock several commonly requested options.
- **ServSafe** – We offer Level 1 and Level 2 in-person classes and test proctoring for online classes.

Available in person, by phone or  
email Monday-Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm



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