

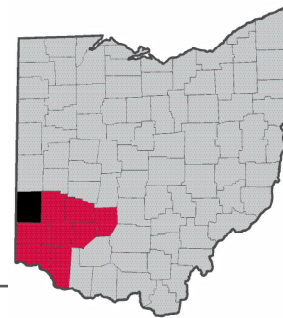
2015 County Highlights

Preble County

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PREPARING YOUTH FOR SUCCESS

- Four hundred sixty-nine youth taking market livestock projects participated in Quality Assurance Training. Youth participated in activities related to the three good production practices focused on in 2015. Comments from participants show that they learned new information through this educational opportunity.
- Eight Preble County youth volunteers with the assistance of four adult volunteers committed to planning and conducting a traffic safety program. Goals of the 4-H CARTEENS program include reducing the number of repeat juvenile traffic offenders, decreasing the number of teen traffic offenders and increasing teen awareness of traffic/vehicular safety. Eighty-three court-ordered youth attended one of five classes. Community partners included law enforcement officers from the Eaton Police Division, Preble County Sheriff's Department, and the Dayton Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Youth presenters and participants build positive relationships with local law enforcement. The vast majority of post-class surveys had positive responses.
- Thirty-four young adults were trained to be 4-H Junior Camp Counselors. Training included characteristics of campers, risk management, professionalism, roles of a camp counselor and other life skills. Youth counselors gained experience in organizing and conducting a large activity. They also learned about working together as part of a staff to make sure a job gets done.
- Young people know 4-H Camp is fun. Youth development experts know 4-H Camp helps build critical life skills for both campers and youth counselors. 4-H Camp helps build teamwork, communications and leadership, cultivating job readiness skills while connecting campers with nature. In Preble County, 110 campers participated in this experience.
- Seven hundred sixty-five 4-H members in Preble County gained valuable life skills through completing 2,054 4-H projects in many different interest areas. Goal-setting, skill-building, community service and leadership are all part of the project experience. Members apply their knowledge by participating in judging events and other evaluation activities.
- Building a relationship with a caring adult is one measure of the effectiveness of a youth development program. In Preble County, 127 adult volunteers taught, mentored, cared for and led 4-H members in club and project work. These adults provided organizational support for 4-H Clubs throughout the county.
- Thirty teen members of the Preble County Junior Fair Board learned and practiced leadership, program-planning and evaluation skills. These teens conducted livestock shows and special events, working behind the scenes to support youth exhibitors at the Preble County Fair.
- Five youth in kindergarten through second grade participated in a 4-H Day Camp planned and conducted by an older 4-H member as part of a 4-H project. Two other older youth served as volunteer counselors. Activities included STEM activities, "Superhero Day" and crafts.
- Six Preble County youth participated in out-of-county opportunities. Two attended Citizenship Washington Focus; two attended State 4-H Leadership Camp; and one attended Shooting Sports Camp. One was part of the delegation to National 4-H Congress. All youth reported on their experiences with a speech at the annual Preble County 4-H Banquet. The youth all reported that these opportunities increased their confidence and leadership skills.



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