



Extension Education in Hidalgo County

Making a Difference

2012

Improving Lives.
Improving Texas.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has been dedicated to educating Texans for nearly a century. In 1915, the agency was established under the federal Smith-Lever Act to deliver university knowledge and agricultural research findings directly to the people. Ever since, AgriLife Extension programs have addressed the emerging issues of the day, serving diverse populations across the state.

Through a well-organized network of professional educators and some 100,000 trained volunteers, Extension delivers practical research-based knowledge to Texans in all 254 counties. Our expertise and educational outreach pertain to the food and fiber industry, natural resources, family and consumer sciences, nutrition and health, and community economic development. Among those served are the hundreds of thousands of young people who benefit annually from Extension's 4-H and youth development programs.

Texans turn to Extension for solutions. Its agents and specialists respond not only with answers, but also with resources and services that result in significant returns on investment to boost the Texas economy. The agency custom-designs its programs to each region of the state, relying on residents for input and for help with program delivery. Here are just a few highlights of Extension's impacts on this county and its people:

Hidalgo County – Summary of 2012 Educational

Contacts

Educational Programs Conducted via Group Methods – 1,958

Total Contact Hours at Educational Programs Conducted via Group Methods – 102,363

Total Number of Participants in Group Methods – 77,337

Total Number of Participant Youth in Group Methods – 52,551

4-H Clubs – 23

4-H Members – 763

4-H Leaders – 50

Youth Curriculum Enrichment Participants – 16,264

Youth Special Interest participants – 28,020

Master Volunteers – 112

Extension Education Club Members – 85

Leadership Advisory Board Members – 22

Committee Members – 136

Task Force Members – 20

Office Contacts – 2,997

Site Contacts – 7,688

Phone Calls – 5,003

Mail/E-Mail Contacts – 19,289

Web Contacts – 3,944

Web Page Views – 26,338