

MAJOR PROGRAMS

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Excessive weight and inactivity are consistently linked with increased incidence of chronic diseases. More than 2/3 of adults and nearly 1/3 of children and teens are obese or overweight, and Texas ranks as the 11th most obese state in the nation. Increased physical activity and improved eating habits have been associated with a greater ability to manage the complications of certain chronic diseases and delay the onset in individuals at risk. As a response, AgriLife has developed healthy lifestyle programs to be able to address these issues with an evidence based approach through education.

FY 2023 Goals & Objectives

- Increase knowledge and adoption of best practices related to the prevention of and self-care related to certain chronic diseases. This includes appropriate dietary changes, increased physical activity, weight loss, weight management, and obtaining regular health screenings. Education will also focus on the increased risk of developing complications associated with chronic disease and best practices related to reducing ones risk of developing these complications. Although open to all, implementation will be focused on those with or at risk of developing certain chronic diseases and will be provided through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension programs such as: Fresh Start to a Healthier You, Walk Across Texas!, Dinner Tonight Cooking Schools, LGEG (Learn, Grow, Eat Youth Gardening Program), Youth Path to the Plate Expo, and Cooking Well with Diabetes.

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Agriculture and Natural Resources program produces and implements educational seminars, programs, and workshops that provide Collin County landowners and agricultural producers with the knowledge and skills to operate a successful agricultural enterprise. This program is centered on research based information with conservation of county natural resources as a major focal point.

FY 2023 Goals & Objectives

- To educate Collin County landowners and residents on conserving their natural resources through the use of research-based information and best management practices. This is accomplished through the promotion of responsible land stewardship, sustainable production and management methods, and modern technological developments. Programs will address specific topics such as soil and water conservation, brush management, livestock health, and invasive species control among others.
- To educate Collin County residents to improve their stewardship of the environment and Texas' native landscapes. This year's goal is to raise awareness of and promote the conservation of the blackland prairie ecoregion of Texas. Programs and information will focus on ecological history, conservation efforts, invasive species, and re-introducing ecological disturbance back into the prairie.
- To increase participation in our Blackland Prairie chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Association. Volunteers in the chapter will promote the blackland prairie, conduct educational events, and engage with the public on natural resource conservation.

4H AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The 4-H and Youth Development program is designed to prepare youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence and adulthood, through a coordinated, long-term, progressive series of educational experiences that enhance life skills and develop social, emotional, physical and cognitive competencies. This is achieved in Collin County through 10 community 4-H clubs as well as ongoing curriculum enrichment programs with the 22 school districts that reach into Collin County. Highlights include character education, nutrition education, agriculture education, life science curriculum, Junior Master Gardener programs, environmental science, personal development of youth, and county, state and national leadership development.

FY 2023 Goals & Objectives

- To foster the development of responsible, productive, and self-motivated youth and adults by developing and encouraging life skills through all types of learning environments including community service, livestock shows, project activities, leadership opportunities and competitions. This year's goal is to grow and advance the 4-H organization by promotion, marketing and increasing enrollment numbers.

HORTICULTURE

Collin County Extension Horticulture is focused on improving the quality of life and environmental sustainability through education, research, and demonstration programs in the areas of landscaping, gardening, and farming. Increasing the understanding by the citizens of the principal and practices of Earth-Kind Environmental Stewardship will have a positive effect on environmental quality, beautification, and overall success in the landscapes and gardens. The goals of Earth-Kind are to conserve water, reduce pollution, reduce yard wastes, and conserve energy. These efforts extend into the area of Horticulture Crop Production. Extension is directly involved in improving the success of farmers growing horticulture crops. Through a multi-faceted educational approach we improve the ability of farmers to produce and market food crops and ornamentals, while remaining economically profitable. The Horticulture Program Area Committee helps identify educational programming needs that will have an impact in our community.

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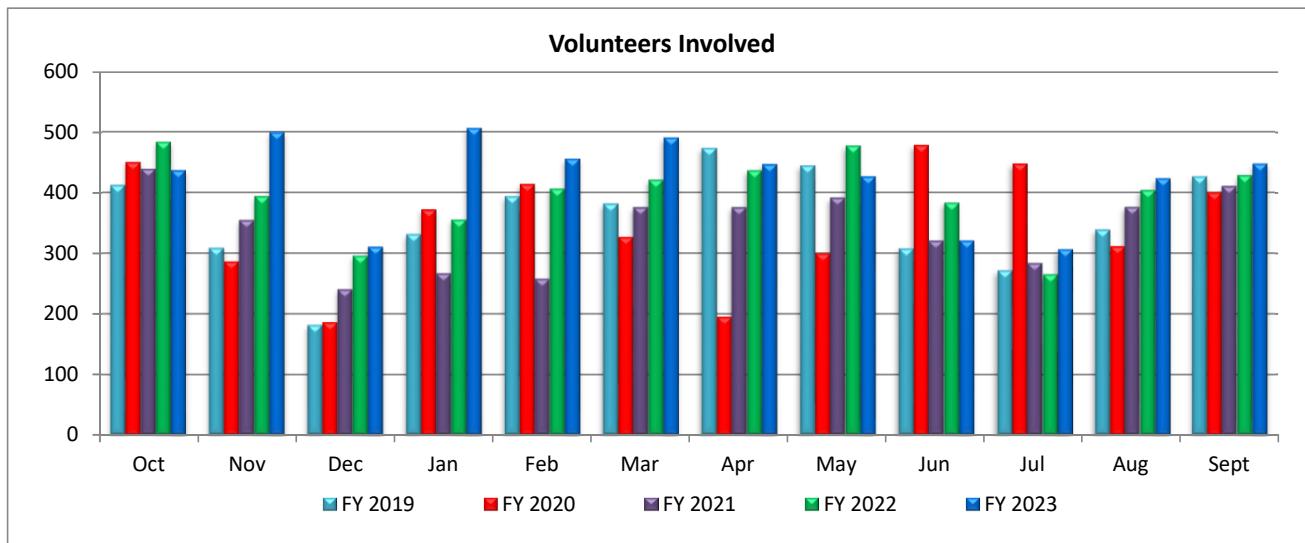
- The Collin County Extension Horticulture Program will help conserve and protect natural resources through the use of environmental friendly landscape and garden management systems. Improve residents' ability to be successful in their garden and landscapes. Promote the use of native and/or adapted plants. Increase production and profitability of farming of horticulture crops while preserving and protecting the environment. Increase the implementation of integrated pest management (IPM) techniques. Target of 75% of participants indicating increased knowledge of Earth Kind fundamental concepts and IPM principles. Target of 75% of participants adopting practices.

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Assistants play a vital role: answering phones, assisting walk-in customers, answering questions, handling day-to-day activities, providing clerical assistance (preparing newsletters and correspondence, sending news releases, developing flyers and handouts, etc.), maintaining data bases, preparing special and routine reports, keeping track of the budget, coordinating volunteers and equipment. Administrative Assistants are responsible for running the office so that professional staff members can devote their time to educational activities, training volunteers, etc.

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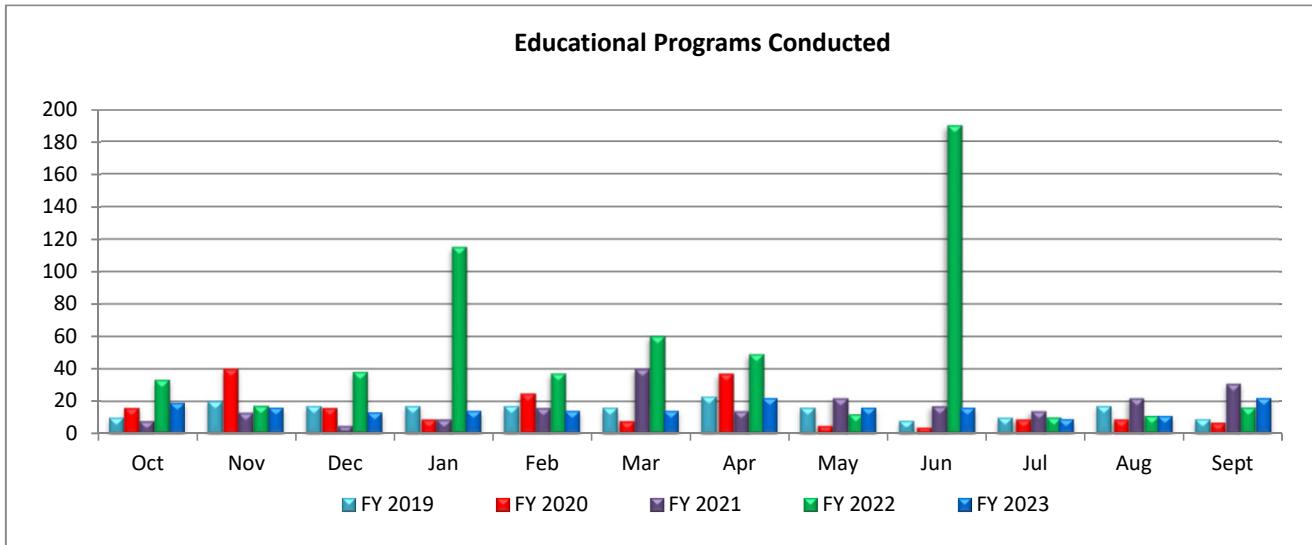
- Provide quality customer service by telephone, in person, and by mail/email.



Volunteers are trained in various aspects; in return volunteers are required to donate at least 40hrs by conducting educational programs, administrative functions, assisting w/classes.

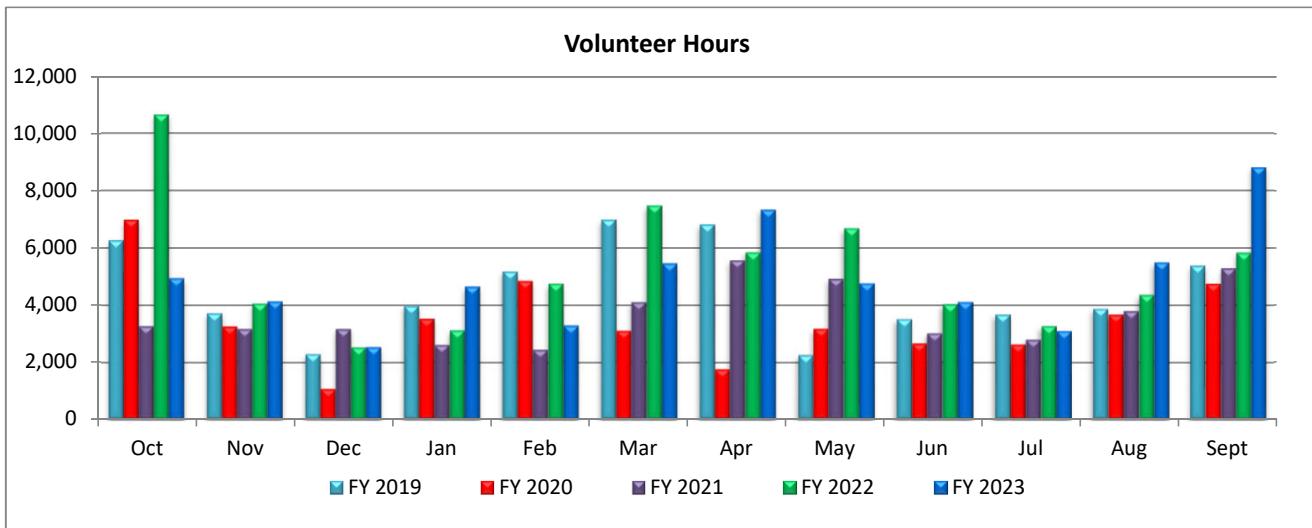
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change
FY 2019	901	1,105	1,224	1,035	4,265	
FY 2020	924	1,113	974	1,159	4,170	-2%
FY 2021	1,033	898	1,086	1,069	4,086	-2%
FY 2022	1,173	1,182	1,296	1,097	4,748	16%
FY 2023	1,245	1,451	1,192	1,176	5,064	7%

County Extension Stats



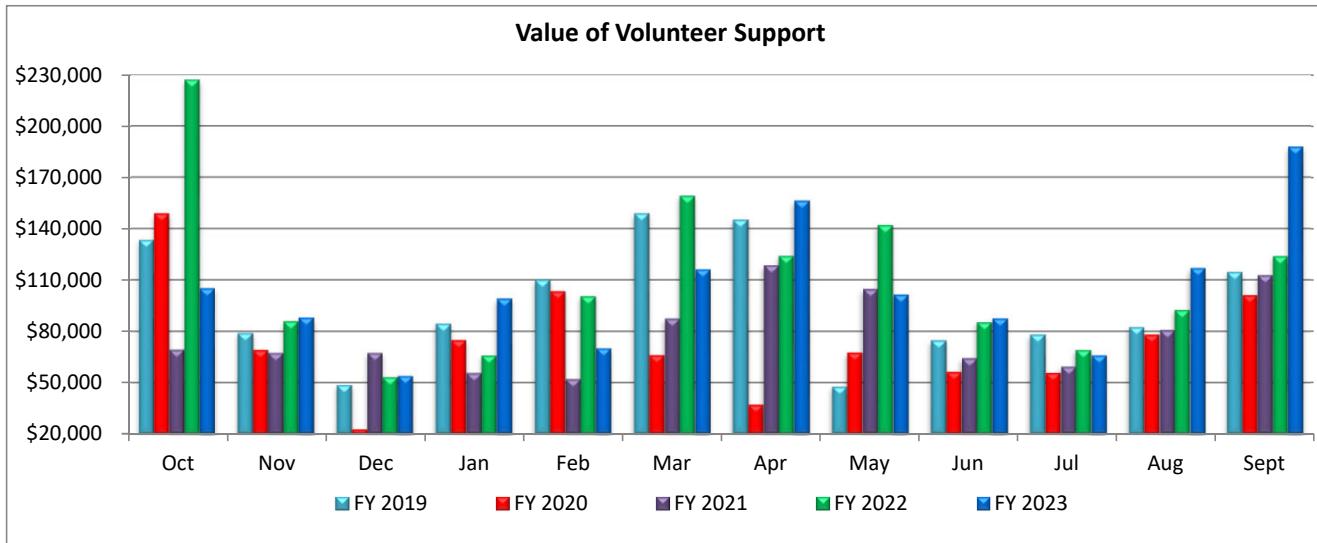
Texas AgriLife Extension Service- Collin County improve county residents' quality of life with custom-made educational programs which are based on community-identified needs in the areas of agriculture, environmental stewardship, youth and adult life skills, human capital and leadership and community economic development. Each County Extension Agent is dedicated to addressing a specific area in order to develop and conduct educational programs.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change
FY 2019	47	50	47	36	180	
FY 2020	72	42	46	25	185	3%
FY 2021	26	65	53	67	211	14%
FY 2022	88	212	251	37	588	179%
FY 2023	48	42	54	42	186	-68%



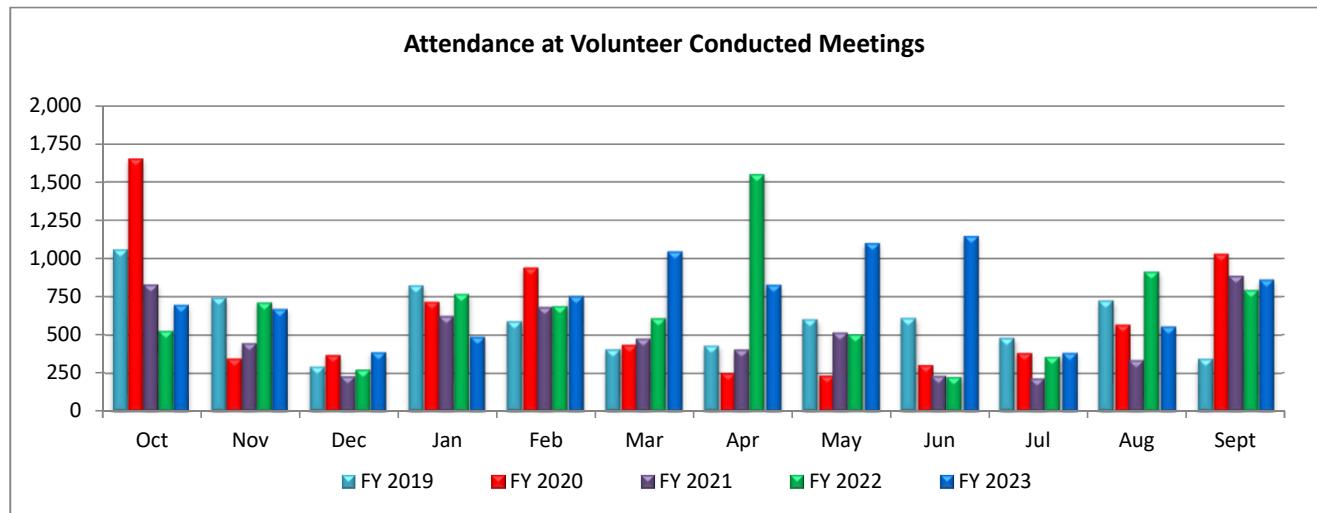
Volunteer Hours illustrates the amount of time donated to assist Agents with educational classes, conducting programs, and general administrative duties.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change
FY 2019	12,230	16,098	12,544	12,891	53,763	
FY 2020	11,290	11,450	7,566	11,015	41,321	-23%
FY 2021	9,570	9,141	13,468	11,853	44,032	7%
FY 2022	17,193	15,313	16,510	13,425	62,441	42%
FY 2023	11,584	13,361	16,164	17,373	58,482	-6%



Based on the national cost per hour of the average volunteer; the Volunteer Center of Plano lists the hourly wage of a volunteer.

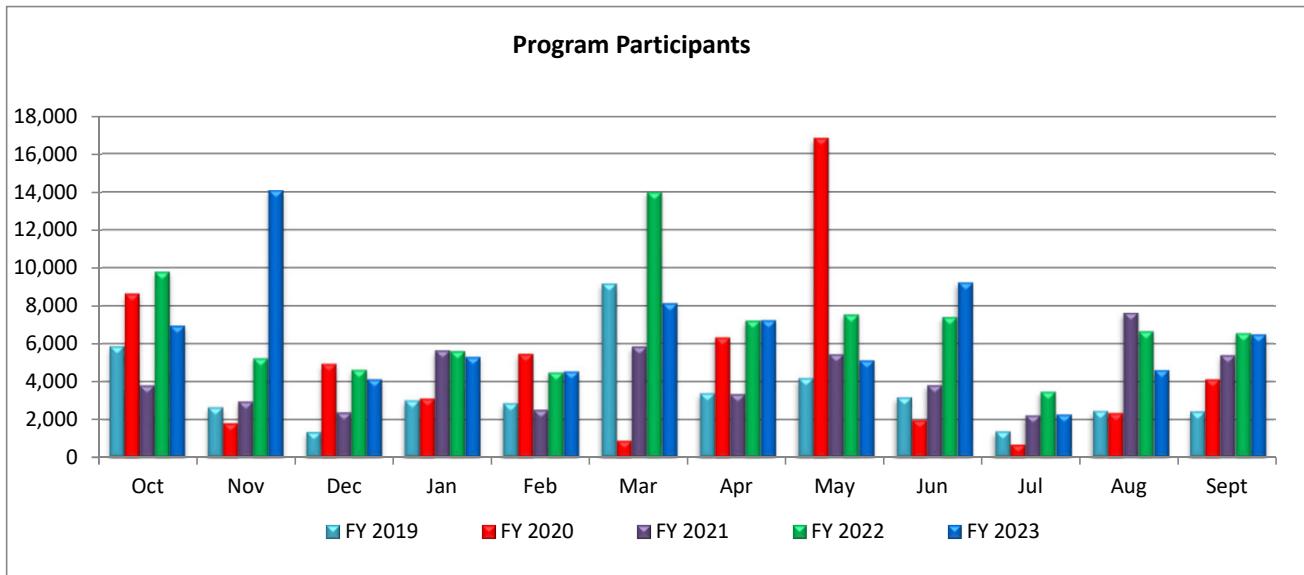
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change
FY 2019	\$ 261,232.80	\$ 343,853.28	\$ 267,939.84	\$ 275,351.76	\$ 1,148,377.68	
FY 2020	\$ 241,154.40	\$ 244,573.00	\$ 161,609.76	\$ 235,286.81	\$ 882,623.97	-23%
FY 2021	\$ 204,415.20	\$ 195,251.76	\$ 287,676.48	\$ 253,180.08	\$ 940,523.52	7%
FY 2022	\$ 367,242.48	\$ 327,085.68	\$ 352,653.60	\$ 286,758.00	\$ 1,333,739.76	42%
FY 2023	\$ 247,434.24	\$ 285,390.96	\$ 345,263.04	\$ 371,087.28	\$ 1,249,175.52	-6%



Participants who attend any type of educational activity conducted by volunteers.

*FY 2019, volunteers assisted with programs versus teaching them. This accounted for the decrease in volunteer conducted meetings.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change
FY 2019	2,092	1,813	1,640	1,546	7,091	
FY 2020	2,369	2,097	794	1,984	7,244	2%
FY 2021	1,505	1,780	1,150	1,434	5,869	-19%
FY 2022	1,514	2,068	2,279	2,066	7,927	35%
FY 2023	1,759	2,290	3,074	1,803	8,926	13%



Community involvement is essential to the Extension office in conducting programs and advancing the goal of fostering development by increasing participants' knowledge of fundamental concepts, acquisition of new skills, and changed behaviors. Includes volunteers involved, contacts by volunteers, attendance at volunteer conducted group meetings, contacts by agents, attendance at agent-conducted group meetings, etc excluding newsletters and mass media.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change
FY 2019	9,808	15,014	10,699	6,219	41,740	
FY 2020	15,400	9,510	25,156	7,185	57,251	37%
FY 2021	9,133	13,992	12,590	15,238	50,953	-11%
FY 2022	19,645	24,069	22,139	16,688	82,541	62%
FY 2023	25,153	17,959	21,578	13,375	78,065	-5%

March and April are always busy for educational presentations. The Garden Show hosted by our Master Gardeners in March and April is prime time for programming so we hit it hard since May thru Aug are typical slower months.

*FY 2019, Agriculture Agent was new and the Horticulture position has been vacant since October 2017. This accounts for the decrease of program participants.

NOTE: All the statistics presented above reflect combined efforts of all agents and administrative staff.

"Numbers for Volunteers Involvement, Educational Programs Conducted, Volunteer Hours, Value of Volunteer Support and Attendance at Volunteer Conducted Meetings decreased because of the COVID-19."