County Activities of Excellence
2012 Winners

Project: Home Grown in the County

Program Area: Education and Ag Promotion

County Farm Bureau, State: Darke County Farm Bureau, Ohio

Membership Category: 1,001-3,000 members

Program Description: Where does our food come from? That question is being asked by more people these days. The Darke County Farm Bureau in Ohio understands that awareness and promotion of agriculture is important in today’s fast paced society. Darke County decided that they would work to help answer that question when they held a four-part cooking series called “Home Grown in the County”. Each week in July, the Darke County Farm Bureau hosted a local chef and a local butcher to prepare simple meals from locally raised meat and produce. The goals of this event were to educate the public about where their food comes from, connect consumers with locally grown food and the farmers who grew it, and to showcase meals that are nutritious and budget friendly. It also relieved the anxiety many faced when walking into a butcher shop to order cuts of meat. The project had a tremendous response, selling out each night with 35 guests attending and several others on waiting lists. Overall, the series reached out to over 150 participants.

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