



## For the Citizens of Clinton County 2006

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**4-H PLEDGE** I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world. 

Iowa State University Extension delivers educational opportunities that make life better, healthier, safer, and more profitable for individuals and communities. Here are a few examples of the many ways ISU Extension in Clinton County delivers to citizens.

Clinton County Agricultural Extension has existed since 1912 serving the needs of all communities in Clinton County to help make Clinton County a better place.

**4-H is present in all communities in Clinton County.** Fifty-four club leaders guide four hundred club members during the year. Throughout the year, another 100 volunteers help with special activities. 4-H offers youth opportunities in more than 30 subject areas including communications, computers, agricultural education, career development, nature, photography, nutrition, and technology.

**Clinton County Extension provides opportunities for youth to develop skills in science, communication and leadership they can use now and throughout their life.** Our programs are in all communities reaching more than 2300 youth every year. The after school programs were active in Camanche, Clinton, DeWitt, Calamus, Wheatland, Delmar, Grand Mound. Through community youth organizations and local park districts the Summer Discovery programs reached 156 youth for a total of 72 contact hours of science education across the County this summer.

**Families programs were held in all Clinton County communities and reached 489 individuals.** Child Care That Works and Better Kid Care programs and check-out resources reach 40 providers annually. Registered Day Care providers meet standards through professional development opportunities offered by Child Care Resource and Referral. Continuing education ensures that the children of Clinton County are nurtured in a safe and educational environment.



**Ag Engineer Specialist, Greg Brenneman, meets with local farmers to discuss building a new farm storage facility.**



**Some of Clinton Counties Master Gardeners.**



**Amber Filloon works with students during after school programs.**

## Clinton County Extension delivers

In Clinton County, Iowa State University Extension delivers research-based educational opportunities to manufacturers, families, youth, agribusinesses, and communities to advance Iowa's economy in the following ways:

**The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program provides nutrition information to families and youth with limited resources.** Of the 54 adults and pregnant teens that graduated from the program: 89% made a positive change in one or more nutrition practices (i.e. planned meals, made healthy food choices, children ate breakfast, read nutrition labels), 82% made a positive change in one or more food resource management practices (i.e. planned meals, compared prices, did not run out of food, used grocery lists), 39 of graduates made a positive change in one or more food safety practices.

**Aflatoxin Crisis addressed.** Aflatoxin was a buzz word in agriculture in the past year. Caused by severe drought in the previous year, aflatoxin had the potential to radically reduce crop production in 2006. Iowa State University responded with up-to-date research to help farmers assess the options. In addition, continuing electronic discussions are being held to help ensure readiness for future problems. On-line participants include insurance adjustors, corn growers, Farm Bureau, legislators and government officials. It's a cooperative effort to ensure the best information for Iowa farmers.

**Clinton County has 76 Master Gardeners.** Annually, they contribute over 3500 hours and reach 17,000 citizens with programs and activities throughout the county. The Bickelhaupt Arboretum in Clinton works closely with Master Gardeners in the creation of gardens, providing adult tours, and assisting with youth programs. Partnership with Trees Forever, Bickelhaupt Arboretum, and Clinton Community College resulted in a one day workshop reaching 162 citizens in January of 2006.

**Extension Answers Leasing Questions** Clinton County landowners look to the Clinton County Extension staff for answers to agricultural land and building leasing questions. Over twenty individual questions were addressed by Jim Jensen, area farm & business management specialist, and a group meeting was offered in Welton. ISU surveys concerning farmland cash rents, building rents, and custom farming rates were popular items in the Extension office with over 250 copies being distributed.

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