

Cass County Purdue Extension Success Stories

LOGANLAND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Purdue Extension in cooperation with the Logansport/Cass County Chamber of Commerce to plan and implement the first (in recent years) Adult Leadership Academy. Eighteen, 4-hour educational sessions were planned and conducted for 14 community professionals ranging in age from 25-50 years, representing different sectors of the community. The Purdue i-LEaD curriculum was the basis for the educational seminars including topics taught: generational differences, conflict management, and developing boards and committees. The 9-month class has resulted in 4 group projects designed by the members being carried out in the community.

Reported by Lynn Korniak, Youth Extension Educator

Forage Feeding Strategies Enhance Beef Herd Profitability

Tight forage supplies during the winter of 2007-2008 forced many beef producers to purchase hay off-farm at record high prices. Cass County beef producers were introduced to the concept of limit feeding forages through Regional Beef Meetings, the Ag Update newsletter, and personal consultations. Producers worked with the Extension office to develop facilities and an appropriate feeding schedule to minimize the forage wasted by cattle at feeding time. Beef producers who implemented the limit feeding strategy saw a reduction in hay usage of approximately 25% with no decrease in cow performance. This limited the amount of hay that had to be purchased off-farm and enhanced the profitability of these cattle herds.

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