



ANNUAL REPORT

MSU Extension Alger County

Food • Ag • Youth • Health • Environment • Community

Since 1916, the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension has helped residents in Alger County improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities.

37

Programs delivered in Alger County

709

Alger County Residents Participated in programs offered by MSU Extension

127

Programs attended by Alger County residents, either in-county, outside of Alger County, or on-line

702

Program Participants in programs led by Alger County staff on-line or statewide

32,057

Facebook reach

421

Individual class sessions attended

16

Submissions to Ask An Expert

36

Programs delivered by Alger County staff

ALGER COUNTY STAFF

5

Extension Educators

1

Community Nutrition Instructor

1

4-H Program Coordinator

28

Partnerships and Coalitions

ALGER COUNTY FOCUS AREAS

Agriculture

MSU Extension works to increase farmers' success while protecting the environment, ensuring food safety, reaching new markets and advancing agriculture through applied research. Agriculture is now one of the fastest growing sectors of the Michigan economy.

- Animal Agriculture
- Farm Business Management
- Field Crops
- Fruit Crops
- Ornamental Horticulture
- Consumer Horticulture
- Integrated Pest Management
- Potato Field Day
- UPREC Organic Vegetables
- Hemp Variety Research
- Farm Business Incubator
- Specialty Crops Research

Environment

Our natural resources programs improve public understanding, help landowners and communities use those assets for sustainable long-term social and economic development and conserve natural resources for future generations.

- Life of Lakes
- Superior Central School education
- Mather Elementary outdoor education
- Invasive species education
- Stream monitoring
- What tree is this?

Community

Successful and thriving communities combine knowledgeable and engaged legislators, businesses, community groups and residents. By connecting these groups with the most trusted tools, MSU Extension helps enhance the quality of life in Michigan.

- Community food systems
- Citizen planner
- Fiscally ready communities
- Regional Meetings for ARPA
- UP Tourism coffee hour

Community (cont.)

- Local government webinars
- Product center client consultations
- Michigan birding 101
- Lake Superior Discovery
- Great Lakes Leadership Academy
- Affecting Michigan Local Governments

Health & Nutrition

MSU Extension's programming promotes healthy lifestyles and empowers Michigan residents to take control of their health. Participants learn how to build nutritious diets on a budget, reduce foodborne diseases and become leaders in the food industry.

- Maintaining Health during challenging times
- RELAX Alternatives to Anger
- Walk and Talk
- Tai Chi for Fall Prevention
- Michigan Cottage Food Law
- Food Safety Q & A.
- Opioid Task Force
- Winter Food Preservation
- Diabetes Prevention
- Investigating Food With Science
- Preserving Michigan Harvest

4-H Programs and Youth

Keeping Michigan families strong and successful—financially, emotionally and physically—is a big part of measuring MSU Extension's success. Programs devoted to keeping families safe include those dealing with bullying and violence prevention.

- 4-H Clue
- Livestock Skillathon
- 4-H Financial Fitness and Fun
- Petcare and careers
- 13 Ojibwa moons crafts and culture
- At home science kits
- Cooking around the world
- Flower arranging at home
- Cloverbud art and science daycamp
- Harvestfest in a box
- 4-H Exploration Days
- Soccer for success

4-H Alger County

*According to research completed by the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, 4-H'ers are **4X** more likely to make contributions to their communities, **2X** more likely to be civically active, and **2X** more likely to make healthier choices.*

21

Clubs

211

Members

15

Adult Volunteers

6

Youth Volunteers

\$11,180

Dollar Value of Volunteer time