



Ingham County 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

BY THE NUMBERS



MSU had \$2,859,870,393 total economic impact in Ingham County*

*<https://mispartanimpact.msu.edu/stories-data/index.html?geography=county&impactarea=msu&county=Ingham&district=&variable=>



2,415 youth participated in 4-H clubs, early childhood or after school programs



MSU Extension website received 22,038,201 page views by Michigan residents. The 6,833 Ingham County views were equally accessed by cell phones, tablets, and desktop computers.



7,136 Michigan residents participated in 257 MSUE Ingham County programs hosted in 2023. There were an estimated 67,269 contact hours by programming staff.

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Ingham County MSU Extension provided programming from all four MSU Extension institutes in 2023.

Each institute is home for Educators, Program Instructors, Program Coordinators, Paraprofessionals, Students, and various Part-time staff who live and work in the local communities. A detailed list of staff is included at the end of this report. The following pages highlight just some of the programming that staff delivered to Ingham County residents in 2023.

During this period, 7,732 Ingham County residents participated in 964 different in-person or online programs, and 368 used Ask Extension. In addition, 613 4-H youth and 236 4-H volunteers participated in 49 4-H clubs while an additional 1,802 youth participated in other programming. Your local MSU Extension staff and the statewide network of Educators worked through local partners to bring the University's research and resources directly to our County residents.



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Supporting Agriculture and Agri-Business

Agriculture and Agri-business Institute



Farm Business Educators explain the Farm bill.

PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPATION HOSTED IN INGHAM COUNTY

Animal Agriculture:	36 prog.	418 par.
Consumer Hort.	9 prog.	1,749 par.
Field Crops	2 prog.	57 par.
Fruit Crops	2 prog.	17 par.
Ornamental Hort.	1 prog.	65 par.
Vegetables	1 prog.	8 par.

PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPATION ATTENDED BY COUNTY RESIDENTS

Animal Agriculture:	85 prog.	575 par.
Business Mgmt.	16 prog.	304 par.
Consumer Hort.	38 prog.	994 par.
Environmental Ag.	22 prog.	71 par.
Field Crops	55 prog.	559 par.
Fruit Crops	20 prog.	310 par.
Ornamental Hort.	9 prog.	255 par.
Vegetables	8 prog.	290 par.



Photo by Heather Dyer.

FARM EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Our MSU Extension Dairy Team continues to provide on-farm education and training. We equip dairy employees with essential skills, so that farms can achieve tangible results. We cover milking techniques, maternity care, sick cow management, calf care, low-stress animal handling, cow feeding management, and team communication. These trainings are offered on farms across the state of Michigan and are delivered in English, Spanish, or both languages. In 2023, the dairy team conducted more than 22 training sessions, affecting 15 farms, and representing over 20,000 dairy animals. More than 160 dairy employees took advantage of the training. According to our dairy educator, Paola Bacigalupo Sanguesa, 88% reported at least one positive change in the employees during the following months after the training, including: engagement, communication with the farm management team, teamwork, and efficiency. 100% reported improvements in at least one area.



MSU Extension Dairy Educator, Paola Bacigalupo Sanguesa offers education to dairy farm workers.



Supporting Good Health and Safe Food

Health and Nutrition Institute

PROGRAMS ATTENDED STATEWIDE BY LOCAL RESIDENTS

Food Safety	88 prog.	323 par.
General Health	170 prog.	1,064 par.
EFNEP	52 prog.	1,023 par.
SNAP Education	50 prog.	754 par.



PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPATION HOSTED IN INGHAM COUNTY

Food Safety	5 prog.	71 par.
General Health	32 prog.	554 par.
EFNEP	51 prog.	1,015 par.
SNAP Education	41 prog.	828 par.



NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Our Community Nutrition Instructors work with schools, community groups, even the courts providing basic nutrition education and physical activity. Students participate in weekly sessions held right at their school. The students learn basic food preparation, making healthy meals, and shopping on a budget while still selecting the healthy foods. Our Community Nutrition Instructors held programs in a number of Lansing area schools in 2023. They used popular curriculum like Cooking Matters for Teens and Teen Cuisine to guide the lessons.

Students also learn the importance of incorporating physical activity into their daily routines. Our Community Nutrition instructors make it fun, and the students often bring their knowledge home to share with their families.





Supporting Youth Development

Children and Youth Institute

4-H PARTICIPATION



The MSU Extension Children and Youth Institute provides programs for youth, caregivers, and families.

Number of 4-H Clubs	49
Youth Involvement in 4-H clubs	613
Youth involvement in outreach And Expansion 4-H programs	1,802
4-H Volunteers	236

PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPATION HOSTED IN INGHAM COUNTY



4-H offers youth the opportunity to pick an animal or still-life project and learn throughout the year. The culmination is often the show at the County Fair.

4-H programs	12 prog.	392 par.
Career Exploration	5 prog.	161 par.
Child and Family Dv.	4 prog.	52 par.
Healthy Living	2 prog.	98 par.
Leadrshp & Civic Eng.	2 prog.	98 par.
Science Literacy	8 prog.	213 par.

Career Exploration and Workforce Development

Fifty-two youth registered for an event to learn how to create content for “buyer’s letters.” Using a Youth Business Guide to Success, a volunteer from the business community facilitated a discussion and recommendations for youth to make good impressions, build appreciation, and make their business pitch! Participants then practiced everything from handshakes to “elevator” speeches with the help of local business volunteers.



4-H youth learn the best practices for preparing “buyer’s” letters to prepare for the auction.



Supporting Strong Communities

Community, Food, and Environment Institute

PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPATION HOSTED IN INGHAM COUNTY



Community		
Food Systems	2 prog.	135 par.
Financial and Homeownership	13 prog.	144 par.
Government and Community Vitality	7 prog.	205 par.
Leadnet	6 prog.	216 par.
Natural Resources	16 prog.	393 par.
Sea Grant	4 prog.	624 par.
Tollgate Farm	1 prog.	17 par.

PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPATION ATTENDED BY COUNTY RESIDENTS



Community		
Food Systems	8 prog.	501 par.
Financial and Homeownership	78 prog.	286 par.
Government and Community Vitality	49 prog.	223 par.
Leadnet	16 prog.	47 par.
Natural Resources	17 prog.	172 par.
Product Center	35 prog.	111 par.
Sea Grant	23 prog.	121 par.
Tollgate Farm	3 prog.	23 par.

Participants

3,285

Sessions

281

Hours

441

HELPING STRUGGLING HOMEOWNERS

MSU Extension Educator Brenda Long was on the Financial and Homeownership Education (FHE) team. She assisted homeowners with the online Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF) process. Many of these homeowners did not have the technology skills to self-apply and upload the required documents. She also provided follow-up assistance.

As a HUD certified housing counselor, Brenda could also provide in-depth mortgage counseling to homeowners including communicating with their mortgage servicers and submitting a mortgage assistance application. She also worked closely with several county treasurers who referred homeowners facing foreclosure for delinquent property taxes.

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