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# Impacting YOU

"Impacting You"  
is a monthly report  
used to communicate

University of Illinois Extension - Unit 26  
programming impacts to stakeholders.

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

It is my pleasure to present this brief impact report of the programs and events offered to the residents of Franklin, Jackson, Perry, Randolph and Williamson Counties during this past month.

- Lynn Heins, Unit 26 County Extension Director

**1,656**

**Total Direct  
Contacts**

(Excluding SNAP-ED)

**23**

**Total Number  
of Programs &  
Events**

**SNAP-Ed**

**1,485**

**Total Direct  
Contacts**

Federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) is nutrition education provided for SNAP participants and other low-income individuals.

**96**

**Total Number of  
Programs & Events**

## Time to Harvest Pumpkins!

Did you know that Illinois is the leading state in pumpkin production? Around 90 to 95% of the processed pumpkins in the US are grown in Illinois. During the month of October, our Local Foods & Small Farms team harvested pumpkins raised at our Jackson County office. They have a 200 square foot rectangle used to estimate yield for each plot. Their trials examine how various biological products affect nutrient uptake. Their nitrogen trial will help growers determine which nitrogen rates are most cost effective for our southern Illinois soils.







# Master Gardener Receives State Award

Karen Glynn received the Outstanding Master Gardener Award at this year's Illinois Master Gardener Conference. Glynn was nominated by her fellow master gardeners to receive this recognition. Since her 2014 training, Glynn has helped promote the mission of the program by volunteering over 500 hours and completing over 200 hours of continuing education. Extension is currently accepting applications for spring 2020 master gardener training. To learn more, visit: [extension.illinois.edu/fjprw/master-gardeners](http://extension.illinois.edu/fjprw/master-gardeners)



## Local Students Learn more about the Environment at Conservation Fair

Over 2,000 local students attended the Conservation Fair at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. Educators, staff, Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists led fun activities in everything from food production, rain gardens, animals, erosion, pollinators, STEM activities and more. It was a great opportunity to showcase everything that Extension has to offer!



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