

# Oldham County Cooperative Extension Service

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## ***Introduction***

Oldham County Extension serves Oldham County residents, including landowners, farmers and homeowners. My focus is sharing research-based advice in two basic categories:

1. Help farm enterprises be profitable using environmentally sound practices
2. Help homeowners grow their own food and landscapes using environmentally sound practices

## ***Agency Programs***

1. Agriculture programs
  - a. Many! Some are outlined in the PowerPoint presentation.
  - b. Frequency – Once each year or every other year; as-needed basis
  - c. Target Population: Farmers, Landowners
  - d. Some programs have registration fees.
  - e. My role in watershed management is to educate about protecting resources in many ways – soil testing, reducing pesticide use where possible, using appropriate stocking rates, rotational grazing, keeping livestock out of ponds/creeks, promoting NRCS cost-share programs that protect water, to name a few.
2. Horticulture programs
  - a. Again many. Some are outlined in the PowerPoint presentation.
  - b. Frequency – Once each year or every other year; as-needed basis
  - c. Target Population: Homeowners, Commercial Horticulture Producers.
  - d. Some programs have registration fees.
  - e. My role in watershed management is to educate about protecting resources by encouraging responsible pesticide and fertilizer use, soil testing, low maintenance plants, proper disposal of unwanted chemicals, etc.
3. All programs are geared to helping businesses make money and/or helping homeowners save money.

## ***Funding Sources***

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## ***Watershed Plan Engagement Opportunities***

1. Many programs already in place – this is an evolving process.
2. BMP's outlined per program – Example, Master Grazer Program - rotational grazing prevents overgrazed pastures and consequential manure/sediment runoff.
3. I partner with the Oldham County Conservation District, District Conservationist Kurt Mason, Oldham County Cattlemen's Association, Oldham County Farm Bureau, and Oldham County Fiscal Court on many educational programs and field days.

## ***Resources***

1. Oldham County Extension web site: <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/oldham/>
2. National Extension web site: <http://www.extension.org/>
3. UK Cooperative Extension Service offers many fact sheets related to agriculture, gardening and home landscapes. <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/oldham/> - Click on Publications to Search
4. Oldham County Cooperative Extension Service also offers programs in 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences.

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