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Year in Review

The year is slowly winding down and let me say it has been a good one. The Rains 4-H Program is growing and getting stronger. The Rains County Fair was a success again this year, and for the most part, the agricultural industry in Rains County is strong.

This year has been a success because of the countless number of volunteers that have assisted in our programs. There have been many parents that have stepped up this year taking on leadership roles in the 4-H Program, which has made a huge impact on our program. Often times I get ask how the 4-H Program is doing. I have compiled our enrollment numbers for the 2015-2016 4-H years.

4-H Membership – 110 youth
Adult Volunteers – 18

Number of Youth Participating in Projects

Swine – 72
Archery – 17
Sheep – 16
Food and Nutrition – 14
Beef – 12
Leadership – 12
Community Service – 10
Dairy – 4
Photography – 3
Entomology – 2

Non – 4-H youth reached through school programs

High School Financial Planning – 126
Rainwater Harvesting Demonstration – 112
4th Grade Ag in the Classroom – 109 Rains Students
Food and Nutrition/Etiquette Education - 87
Kids Cooking Camp - 22

First Grade Gardening Program – 21

Rains County Fair Participation

Market Shows - 75 youth sold projects for over \$184,000

Breeding Show – 15 youth

Creative Arts – 20 youth

I would like to once again thank all of the 4-H parents, volunteers, and members of the Fair Board that have worked diligently to make positive impacts on the lives of the youth of Rains County. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed.