

Special Report: Flood Outreach in Knott County (July-December 2022)



University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension worked to provide relief and support to citizens who were affected by flooding in July 2022. Flood and other natural disaster responses were distributed across the Commonwealth, including Knott County. Extension agents and volunteers collaborated with community partners to provide medical care and other necessities to Kentuckians in need. This brief report highlights the outcomes of this initiative.

Cooking Classes for Displaced Families

Several families were forced to relocate to RV homes due to the flooding. These shelters possessed limited functional cooking appliances. An Extension agent in Knott County provided the families with cooking classes to teach them how to use the appliances. The classes were given in the RV camps and helped the displaced families to cook more.

Food Support After Garden Losses

After the floods, Knott County Extension agents encouraged families, who lost valuable sustenance gardens, to apply for Family Flood Relief. To provide much needed fresh food to these families, agents worked with the World Central Kitchen, the LEE Initiative, and other local partners to support farmers markets. Extension hosted four markets in their office. Twenty-six flood-affected farmers received \$25,000 to supplement their lost income, and 200 families received over 10,000 lbs in fresh food.

Bucket Brigade Donations

One week after the flooding, agents held a Bucket Brigade supply donation event at the Extension office. The event distributed 150 buckets of donated cleaning supplies and pamphlets to help with the disaster clean up.

Multiple entities donated and assisted us in this work. We thank them for their dedication and help.







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