



Levy County Board of County Commissioners

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County Department Quarterly Report Process

Levy County Department Heads shall be responsible for reporting on their department's activities every quarter beginning with the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2025.

Quarter	Period	Quarterly Report Due to the County Manager	Quarterly Report Included in the BoCC Agenda
First Quarter FY 2025	October-December	January 10, 2025	January 21, 2025
Second Quarter FY 2025	January-March	April 11, 2025	April 22, 2025
Third Quarter FY 2025	April-June	July 11, 2025	July 22, 2025
Fourth Quarter FY 2025	July-September	October 14, 2025	October 21, 2025
First Quarter FY 2026	October-December	January 14, 2026	January 20, 2026

All Levy County Departments shall use the following Quarterly Report Template.



Commissioners

Charlie Kennedy, District 1

Rock Meeks, District 2

Desiree Mills, Chair, District 3

Tim Hodge, Vice Chair, District 4

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Levy County Quarterly Department Report

Department Information

Name of Department	UF/ IFAS Extension, Levy Ag Center
Name of Department Head	Mark Warren, County Extension Director
Department Mission	UF/IFAS Extension partners with communities to provide quality, relevant education and research-based expertise to foster healthy people, a healthy environment, and a healthy economy.

Department Staffing

	Fourth Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2025	Second Quarter 2025	Third Quarter 2025	Fourth Quarter 2025
Number of Budgeted Full-Time Employees	9	9	9	10	10
Number of Actual Full-Time Employees	9	9	9	10	10
Number of Budgeted Part-Time Employees	0	0	0	3-Summer Staff for 4-H Summer Camps	3-Summer Staff for 4-H Summer Camps
Number of Actual Part-Time Employees	0	0	0	3-Summer Staff for 4-H Summer Camps	3-Summer Staff for 4-H Summer Camps
Comment					

Department Deliverables

Deliverable <i>(To be determined by the Department Head)</i>	Fourth Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2025	Second Quarter 2025	Third Quarter 2025	Fourth Quarter 2025
Residential Horticulture					184- Personal Contacts 900- Web Based Contacts

4-H/ Youth Development					544- Personal Contacts 15-Web Based Contacts
Livestock/ Forages					47-Personal Contacts
Family and Consumer Sciences					Completing On-boarding and New Faculty Development.
Row Crops					127-Personal Contacts
Comment	Personal Contacts include: emails, phone, office/ farm visits, group teaching events. Web Based Contacts include: web based publications, blogs, other online educational resources developed by Levy Faculty/ Staff				



Department Highlights

Success story for Livestock Agent: Micah Gallegher

I was contacted by a smaller cattle producer in Levy County earlier this year about herd quality. Since our initial visit he has begun better pasture management practices that include spray management for weeds, fertilizer inputs to improve forage quality and availability, and will be looking to increase his herd when cattle prices come down in a few years. He attends most of the extension programs to become a more educated producer and has become a member of the Levy County Cattlemen's association. He is always reminding me how grateful he is to have found our local extension office and the opportunities we offer. We plan to continue working on management of Brunswick grass in his pasture and improving his cattle herd through different genetics.

Success Story for 4-H Agent: Jessica Emerson

Summer day camps are designed around the 4-H Thrive Model principles of **sparks, belonging, relationships, and engagement**—the foundation for helping youth thrive.

During the 2025 Hunter Safety Camp, one youth demonstrated true growth in **openness to challenge and discovery**. Initially too nervous to fire a .22 rifle, the youth refused to participate. Because of the trusting relationship built through previous 4-H programs, I was able to provide encouragement and support. With guidance, the youth safely completed the activity, gaining confidence and pride in their accomplishment.

This moment reflected the power of sustained relationships and belonging in 4-H—transforming hesitation into confidence and fostering a lasting **growth mindset**.

Success Story Residential Horticulture: Barbara Edmonds

At just 22, **K. Cox (KC)** planted more than beet seeds—she planted hope, purpose, and possibility through *Cultivating Community through Service*, a collaboration between the Levy County Extension Master Gardeners and The Children's Table food pantry.

Legally blind since birth, KC had never planted anything before. With quiet determination, she joined Master Gardeners at the Levy Extension Center, learning how to plant beet seeds with precision and care. She quickly adapted, choosing the right tools, adjusting her workspace for comfort, and discovering the satisfaction of hands-on work.

Her efforts produced enough seedlings to fill a 100-foot garden row, part of a larger community planting effort this fall. More importantly, KC gained confidence, independence, and a sense of belonging.



Through gardening, KC cultivated more than food—she grew joy, capability, and the belief that she can make a meaningful difference.

Please see the attached quarterly newsletter *Levy Extension Bulletin*.