



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 Breathitt 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.

Transportation for medical responders

Breathitt County Extension agents worked with the UK Center of Excellence in Rural Health to provide basic patient care in the aftermath of the July floods. Agents transported nurses, physician assistants, and donated medical supplies across 320 miles to affected areas within the county. Agents also provided bottled water and non-perishable food items to Kentuckians.

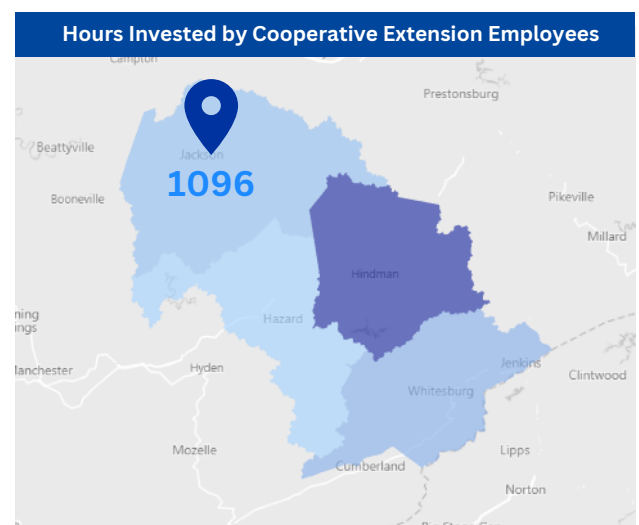
Vaccines and wound care offered

With the UK Center of Excellence in Rural Health, Extension agents helped medical providers to give tetanus vaccines to those affected by flooding, so to prevent severe injury-related illness. In total, 232 residents were given inoculations against tetanus. To address wounds sustained during the disaster, Extension also helped to distribute ointments and care to residents with cuts and scrapes. Over \$8,800 in community donations were used to deliver this care in Breathitt County.

Needs assessment to help affected farmers

During the week of the flood, Extensions agents used an agricultural needs assessment to assess the damages in the impacted counties and distribute donated supplies. The common needs were livestock feed, hay, and fencing. The Mountain Cattlemen's Association partnered with Extension distribute the supplies to affected farmers. Over 300 farmers in four counties benefited from donations and labor.

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



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