Objectives:
- Why do we have Adult Education in Agriculture?
- What is Adult Education in Missouri?
- How is an adult agriculture program administered?
- What Adult Education tools/resources are available?
- How do I benefit from an adult program?

Why do we have Adult Education in Agriculture?
- Serve agriculture in the community
  - Increase income and stability of local producers.
  - Provide a forum for agricultural issues that affect local producers.
  - Develop agricultural leaders.
  - Educate the public about agriculture.

Strengthen the Local Agricultural Education Program
Establishes an important tie between the local agriculture program and --

1. Producers
2. Agricultural businesses
3. Agriculture agencies
   - Lenders
   - Commodity groups
   - Agricultural organizations
   - Farm Service Agency
4. Community organizations
   - Chamber of Commerce
   - Service Clubs
   - Fairs and Festivals

What is Adult Education in Missouri?

- Instruction
- Practical Experience
- Leadership

Topics Meetings / Young Farmer Meetings

Examples:
- BSE
- Outlook 2004
- Brazilian agriculture

In-Depth Classes

Examples:
- FBMA Classes
- Ag. Construction
- Beginning Welding
- Beef Management
- Greenhouse Management
- Computer Records
Individual Instruction

Examples:
- FBMA Analysis
- Problem Solving Requests

Practical Experience

Farm Business Records

Examples:
- Missouri Farm Business Record Book
- PCMars
- Quicken

Farm Business Analysis

Examples:
- FinPack

Individual Sessions/Visits

Examples:
- Regular FBMA Visits
- Problem Solving Visits

Farm & Ag. Business Tours

Examples:
- Local Tours
- State Young Farmer Tour
- Field Days
Production Trials/Demonstrations

Examples:
- Horticulture Growing Projects
- Beef Backgrounding Trials
- Seed Plots/Test Plots

Missouri Young Farmers

Local Chapter Activities
- Agricultural Service
- Community Service
- Fund Raising
- Social

District & State Activities
- State Young Farmer Tour - August
- State Young Farmer Convention - February

Leadership Positions
- Local Level
- State Level

Snapshot of Adult Agricultural Education – 2001-2002
- 2373 Adults enrolled in DESE reimbursed classes
- 54 schools received DESE reimbursement
- 22 schools employ an FBMA instructor
- 44 Young Farmer Chapters – 12 Young Farm Wives Chapters – state membership 1041
How is an adult agriculture program administered?

5 STEPS – PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

• Advisory Committee sets goals and objectives – identifies instructional needs.
• Instructor presents written plan to school administration for approval.
• School submits program to DESE for approval. FV-1 due October 1 for summer, 1st semester or full-year programs; due February 1 for 2nd semester.

5 STEPS – PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION (continued)

4. Program approvals and VEDS forms received by school in 30-60 days.
5. Complete VEDS for each class held immediately and return to DESE (required for program reimbursement).

Key Points – Local Adult Program

- Instructor is paid by the school district
- Instructor salary is determined by the school district
- Local fees are determined by the school district
- Program goals are established at the local level

Key Points – continued

- Follow program guidelines
  - Short-term adult programs (hourly)
    - $10/hr. reimbursement maximum
    - 10 students minimum
    - 1 hr. minimum for the class to be reimbursed
    - 25 hr. reimbursed for an FBMA enrollee w/farm analysis

Key Points – continued

- Follow program guidelines
  - Full-time adult programs
    - 500 contact hours of instruction
    - FBMA 125-300 hours
    - Classroom instruction 125-300 hours
    - Leadership 75 hours
- Ag instructor makes sure paper trail is complete so school receives reimbursement.
What Adult Education Tools & Resources are Available?

Technical Assistance
- Successful Teachers
- DESE Personnel – District Supervisors
- State FBMA office – Norman & Sandy
- Universities – Agriculture & Extension Personnel

Curriculums
- Computer Financial Training (Quicken)
- Forage Management
- Beef Management
- Horse Management
- Landscape Management

Curriculums continued
- FBMA I–Establishing a Farm Accounting System
- FBMA II–Analyzing the Farm Business
- FBMA III–Adjusting the Farm Business

How Do I Benefit?

Adult Education Programs.
- Establish strong tie between instructor and agriculture community.
- Maintain technical expertise of instructor.
- Earn the respect of those you work with.
- Bring patrons to the school-positive effect.
- Salary enhancement.