

Agriculture & Natural Resources

County Collaborations:

2023 Private Water Well Screening

On April 19-20, 2023 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Atascosa, Dimmit, Frio, McMullen, LaSalle, and Zavala Counties hosted a Multi-County Water Well Screening. This gives well owners an opportunity to test for fecal coliform bacteria, nitrate levels, high salinity, and hydrocarbons.

We had a total of **17 water samples** and **3** for Dimmit County.



2023 Chronic Wasting Disease Workshop

On August 2, 2023 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Dimmit County partnered with AgriLife Extension Wildlife Specialist Dr. Jacob Dykes and Texas Parks & Wildlife Health Specialist Kory Gann to host a chronic wasting disease workshop for landowners. Attendees were educated on the biology of CWD, management strategies, and current status in Texas. There was a total of **35 landowners** in attendance.



County Education Programs:

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Dimmit County hosted a training on March 29, 2023. The three-hour training gives participants needed information to take the private applicator license test which is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. There was a total of **5** in attendance.

4-H and Youth Development

Dimmit County 4-H Outreach: Dimmit County 4-H Clubs, adult volunteers, and County Extension Agents participated in community outreach and community service events throughout the year. These monthly events provide club members an opportunity to recruit, speak with youth, and inform them of what the Dimmit County 4-H Program has to offer.



Projects offered:

Fashion & Interior Design	129 Youth Enrolled
Food & Nutrition	75 participated at the Dimmit County Junior Livestock Show
Livestock	The auction brought in over \$325,500
Photography	12 members participated at Major Livestock shows.
Shooting Sports	1 4-H Member received the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Community Service Events:

- Jacket & Blanket Drive
- Toy Drive
- National Night Out
- Toy/Hygiene Drive



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2023 Dimmit County



A total of **200** youth and adults participated in Family and Community Health programs in Dimmit County. Participants gained knowledge nutritious meals, stretch their food resources, improve their food safety practices, and participate in regular physical activity.

Face to face programs were held with Passenger Safety Kids Initiative, Dimmit County Wesley Nurse, The Dimmit County Wellness Coalition, The Dimmit County Judge and Elected officials, Dimmit County Public Library, Carrizo Springs CISD, Kids R First daycare, and First United Methodist Church, La Paloma Senior Center, and Girl Scouts Troop #5105.

Collaborations:

A county collaboration with Family and Community Health Agent Carissa Munoz and The Dimmit Wellness Coalition hosted a Back-to-School Healthcare Event held that served **800 students**, with the assistance of **57 agencies** to provide school supplies and health information for Dimmit County.

A collaboration with Texas A&M AgriLife Passenger Safety Initiatives and TXDOT occurred on June 30, 2023. The proper use of child safety seats reduces the risk of injury and death, leading to reduced medical costs, avoidance of lost future earnings, and improved quality of life. These economic benefits are an estimated \$2,859 per child age 0 to 4 and \$3,250 per child age 4 to 7 for new seats distributed, and \$766 per child for seat misuse corrected with an assumed 75% continued use. Based on this formula, the total **economic impact for the Dimmit County Inspections in 2023 is \$32,618.**



Programs:

During the 2023 fiscal year, several programs were conducted in Dimmit County:

Youth

- (1) Color Me Healthy series 16 participants at Bright Future Learning Center
- (1) Path to the Plate series 75 participants at the Dimmit County Public Library
- (1) Boys & Bugs & Food class 10 participants at the Dimmit Wellness Serenity Garden
- (1) Pollinators & Food class 12 participants at the Dimmit Wellness Serenity Garden

Adult

- (1) Walk and Talk series 20 participants at La Paloma Adult Daycare Center
- (1) Growing and Nourishing Healthy Communities series 6 participants at the Dimmit County Conference Center
- (2) Walk Across Texas programs held in 2023 with 32 participants.

