



ANNUAL REPORT

MSU Extension Alger County

Food • Ag • Youth • Health • Environment • Community

Since 1914, the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension has helped residents in Alger County improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities.

45

Programs hosted in Alger County

549

Participants attended programs hosted in Alger County

120

MSU Extension Programs (in county, online or statewide) were attended by Alger County residents

829

Alger County Residents attended MSU Extension Programs (in county, online or statewide)

4,478

Facebook reach

419

Individual class sessions attended

13

Submissions to Ask Extension

42

Programs delivered by Alger County staff

ALGER COUNTY STAFF

2

Extension Educators

1

Community Nutrition Instructor

1

4-H Program Coordinator

.5

AmeriCorps Aide

20

Partnerships and Coalitions

ALGER COUNTY FOCUS AREAS

Agriculture

MSU Extension works to increase farmers' success while protecting the environment, ensuring food safety, reaching new markets and advancing agriculture through applied research. Agriculture is now one of the fastest growing sectors of the Michigan economy.

- Birth Management for Sheep & Goats
- Heroes to Hives
- Pollinator Champions
- Residential Soil Testing/Smart Gardening
- Consumer Horticulture/Ask Extension
- Advanced Grazing School
- Sheep & Goats for Small Farms
- U.P. Agriculture for Tomorrow Conference

Environment

Our natural resources programs improve public understanding, help landowners and communities use those assets for sustainable long-term social and economic development and conserve natural resources for future generations.

- Life of Lake Superior
- MiCorps Aquatic Food Webs - How do fish decide what to eat
- Lake Superior Fisheries Workshop
- Michigan Birding 101
- Forest Forensics

Community

Successful and thriving communities combine knowledgeable and engaged legislators, businesses, community groups and residents. By connecting these groups with the most trusted tools, MSU Extension helps enhance the quality of life in Michigan.

- Farm Field Trips Spring 2022
- Start Seeds, Save Seeds
- MSU Hempcrete Workshop

Community (cont.)

- AgriPalooza
- LIFT-UP Kickoff Meeting
- U.P. Extension Master Gardener Recognition Event
- MARESA Transition Program Participants Learn New Skills at UPREC

Health & Nutrition

MSU Extension's programming promotes healthy lifestyles and empowers Michigan residents to take control of their health. Participants learn how to build nutritious diets on a budget, reduce foodborne diseases and become leaders in the food industry.

- Michigan Cottage Food Law
- Superior Central School Teen Cuisine
- Eat Smart, Live Strong
- Tai Chi Session Zero Grow and Learn
- Food Safety Q & A
- Mather Elementary Nutrition Education
- Youth Food Preservation - Canning
- Burt Township School Nutrition Education
- FAN at Alger Parks & Rec, fruits & veggies lesson
- Mindful Mondays Lunch & Learn
- RELAX for Parents and Caregivers

4-H Programs and Youth

Keeping Michigan families strong and successful—financially, emotionally and physically—is a big part of measuring MSU Extension's success. Programs devoted to keeping families safe include those dealing with bullying and violence prevention.

- 4-H Cross Country Skiing
- Cooking at Home with the U.S. Navy
- Galactic Quest SPIN Club, Burt Twp.
- National 4-H Shooting Sports
- 4-H Embryology Superior Central 6th Grade
- Cloverbud Tinker 4-H Club
- 4-H Tomato Time, Munising High School and Burt Township
- Ribbon Raiders Alger County
- Exploration Days
- 4-H Goose Chase

4-H Alger County

*According to research completed by the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, 4-H'ers are **4X** more likely to make contributions to their communities, **2X** more likely to be civically active, and **2X** more likely to make healthier choices.*

23
Clubs

327
Members

223
Organized 4-H
Community Club
members

104
Special
Interest/
Short Term

37
Adult
Volunteers