4-H & Youth Development
Developing Tomorrow’s Workforce & Leaders

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PROGRAM STATS:
2,000+ Students in 99 classrooms hatched chicks with our Embryology in the Classroom program.

850 8th -12th grade youth participated in the “Welcome to the Real World” program which teaches career readiness, money management, and choice evaluation.

500+ Youth reached by 35 4-H Teen Teachers.

100+ Youth participants at 8 partner locations learned about the human body at healthy living summer programs.

50+ Youth were served educational activities weekly at Lincoln Elementary Schools Summer Lunch Program.

Horticulture & Natural Resources
Promoting Healthy Gardens & Environments

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Master Naturalist:
Master Naturalist program educates the public about native plant selections and identification of invasive plants. Projects include a native plant demonstration garden at Lincoln Memorial Garden. To accomplish their educational mission they partner with Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, Lincoln Memorial Garden, Friends of Sangamon Valley, Logan County Parks and Trails, and Kickapoo Creek Park.

39 - Master Naturalist Volunteers
3,150 - Volunteer Hours
$76,041 - Value to the Communities
SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education
Promoting Healthy Food Choices

2,664 - Total SNAP-Ed Participants
899 – Adults & 1,765 – Youth
19 - K-12 School & 16 - Food Pantry Partners
30% - Increase in vegetables consumed at a Springfield school after implementing the “Smarter Lunchroom” program.

Ag & Natural Resources
Productive, Profitable, & Sustainable Farms

200+ Area producers attended Ag related programing in 2017.

PROGRAMS INCLUDED:
- Illinois Farm Economic Summit
- Small Farm Grazing Operation & Pasture Walk
- Small Farms Webinar Series
- Private Applicator Pesticide Testing
- Soil and Water Management Programs

Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC)
Learning Where Our Food Comes From

5,000+ Students reached with AITC last year.
200 - 5th graders participated in our annual Ag Discovery Day in Menard County.
13 - Teachers participated in the annual Summer Agriculture Institute.

Digital Delivery
Reaching A Connected World

1,057,073 - Unit 16 website page views in 2017.
2,200 - People viewed Unit 16’s “Around the County” Production Ag Blog in 2017.
1,170 - Unit Facebook followers.

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