

# Improving wellbeing in RUSSELL COUNTY

## COMMUNITY VOICES

“Throughout my eight years of 4-H, I have learned many valuable skills, such as gardening, tending to livestock, and managing finances. Extension’s programs have aided in my decision to pursue a future career in veterinary medicine.”



**Hayley Marchant**  
4-H'er

## PARTNERS FOR SOLUTIONS

“To increase the value of feeder cattle, Extension agents encouraged beef producers to participate in the Virginia Quality Assured marketing program. Working with Abingdon Feeder Cattle Association, Tri-State Livestock Market, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Virginia Cattlemen’s Association, producers have marketed 82,500 calves since 2005 and added over \$7.7 million in value.”



**Scott Jessee**  
Senior Extension Agent

## SHARING KNOWLEDGE




Gabe Roberts with his winning ribbon.

Russell County 4-H offered eight different summer projects this year. With over 30 participants, the 4-H Poultry Project had the biggest response yet to a summer project. Each participant in the project purchased 15 pullets in April to raise and bring the three best chickens to the Russell County Fair’s 4-H Poultry Show in September. Following the show, youth had the opportunity to participate in the 4-H Poultry Auction. Proceeds from the auction went directly back to participants. Following the Russell County Fair, youth were required to submit a 4-H Project Book, which serves as a record book from start to finish for the project.

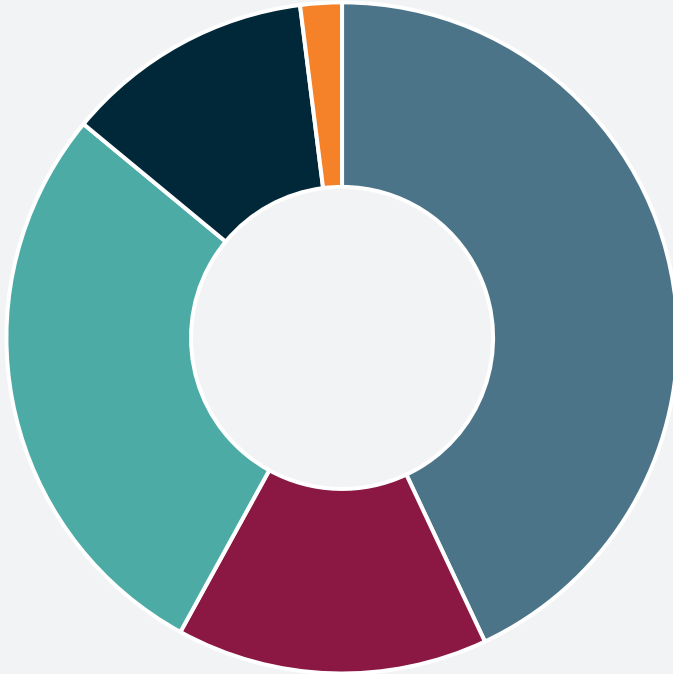
First-time 4-H member Gabe Roberts said, “Seeing the chicks grow and winning a blue ribbon and Reserve Champion were my favorite parts of the project. Now my favorite part is that my chickens are laying eggs! I really like 4-H so far!”

## GET IN TOUCH

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# RUSSELL COUNTY

## FUNDING BY SOURCE



43% State

15% Local

28% Federal

12% Grants

2% Other

**TOTAL FUNDING: \$478,091**



**\$5.89**

return on investment  
for every dollar invested  
by the county in **Russell  
County**



**\$64,195**

Value of extension  
volunteer hours in  
**Russell County**

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