

## QUICKSAND AREA ANNUAL REPORT

November 2021

Greetings from the Quicksand Area. Our area is made up of eight (8) counties – Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry and Wolfe. Five of the eight counties have an FCS agent – Knott, Perry and Wolfe are currently vacant.

Out of an abundance of caution and concern for the safety of our area homemakers, the October 2021 annual in-person meeting had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The restrictions made it impossible to meet in-person in large groups. Many of our homemakers are not comfortable with technology and many do not have access to internet or smart phones. After much thought and discussion, it was apparent that the only way to distribute the annual meeting information would be through a mailing or a Grab N Go bags. In October, the annual meeting material was distributed to homemakers by mailings and by Grab N Go bags. A total of 475 homemakers were reached. Many homemakers are not able to attend the annual meeting and through this effort, we reached the greatest number of homemakers ever.

In 2020-2021, the counties submitted their Program of Work reports online. This process worked well for the counties.

The FCS agents in the Quicksand Area have been busy monthly distributing information about programs and lessons that benefit their homemakers and communities. The homemakers enjoyed learning new skills through the various Programs of Work lessons they received in the mail and/or through the Grab N Go bags. Area homemakers continue to work hard to stay healthy and safe at home. In the future, they look forward to meeting in person. Meanwhile, they continue to learn new skills, meet new challenges and recruit new members to benefit their communities and counties.

The next area annual meeting is set for October 2022 to be hosted by the Letcher County Homemakers. For the upcoming year, the Quicksand area will continue to recruit new members and offer new skills and opportunities for our Homemakers.