

**Kentucky Master Volunteer in Clothing Construction Program**  
**2020 Report for KEHA**  
**July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**

The value of the Master Volunteer in Clothing Construction Program continues to be an important interdepartmental outreach for Kentucky Cooperative Extension. Established in 1990, the mission of this Program is to provide ongoing, in-depth educational opportunities for adult volunteers enrolled in the Program. An emphasis on leadership development allows the Master Clothing Volunteers to assist Extension professionals in planning, carrying out, and evaluating programs related to sewing. Nationwide, sewing is experiencing a resurgence in popularity. Recent interest was sparked by the widespread request for sewn cloth face coverings, recommended to slow the spread of Covid-19. This pandemic prompted changes in Extension Programming and limited much of the Master Clothing Volunteer activities between the months of February 2020 to June 2020. As this report is being written in November 2020, the Master Clothing Volunteer Programming continues to be impacted. Nevertheless, this group of resilient sewists has found ways to continue sharing sewing knowledge and skills with others.

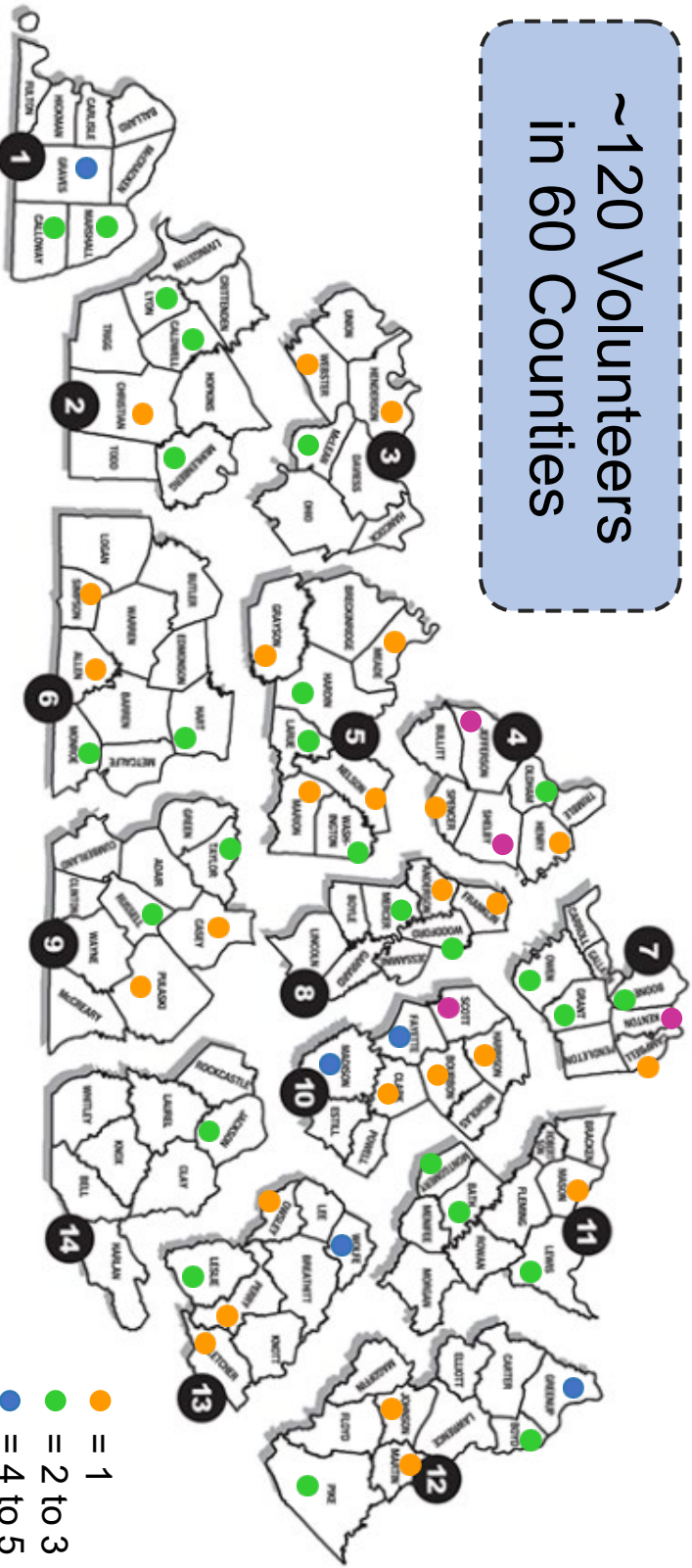
During the past Programming Year, the Program supported approximately 120 Master Clothing Volunteers among 59 counties. As a result of limitations imposed by Covid-19, just 70 Volunteers reported contributing 3,869 volunteer hours in teaching clothing construction and related skills. An additional 2,841 volunteer hours that included community service and leadership activities brings the total number of volunteer hours reported for 2020 to 6,710. Many community service hours were earned while sewing cloth face coverings. It is estimated that Master Clothing Volunteers made over 5000 cloth face coverings. Although the reported volunteer hours are about half of what they normally are, our Volunteers are looking forward to when they will be able to teach more youth and adults as restrictions related to Covid-19 decrease.

Other noteworthy Program news includes the retirement of Marjorie Baker. Marjorie served as the State Coordinator for the Master Clothing Volunteer Program for fifteen years. Her guidance and mentorship will be missed; however, we are fortunate to still benefit from her knowledge as she continues to lead sewing programs in different capacities. To commemorate her years of dedication and service, the Master Clothing Volunteers nominated Marjorie to be recognized as a Kentucky Colonel. This honor was bestowed upon Marjorie at our last statewide gathering in October 2020. The Master Clothing Volunteer Program will continue to prosper and evolve under the guidance of the new State Coordinator, Jeanne Badgett. The Program recently accepted 19 new Volunteers to begin their two-year Certification process.

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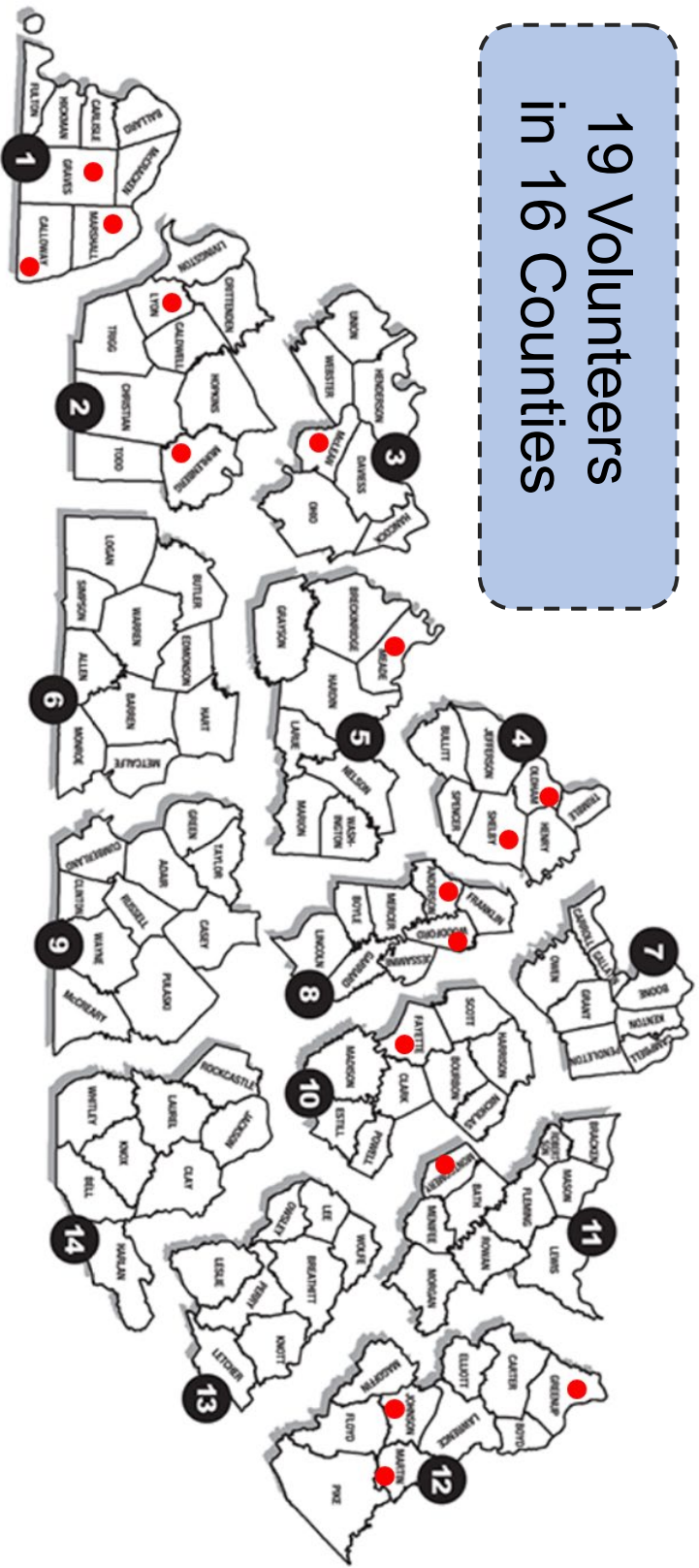
# Distribution of MCV's (Oct 2020)

~120 Volunteers  
in 60 Counties



# Distribution of New Candidates

19 Volunteers  
in 16 Counties



- 1. Purchase
- 2. Pennyrite
- 3. Green River
- 4. Louisville
- 5. Lincoln Trail
- 6. Mammoth Cave
- 7. Northern Kentucky
- 8. Fort Harrod
- 9. Lake Cumberland
- 10. Bluegrass
- 11. Licking River
- 12. Northeast
- 13. Quicksand
- 14. Wilderness Trail