

Community Voices

"We are fortunate to have the Dickenson County Extension Office as our partner, providing programming to nearly 100 students attending the after-school programs at Ridgeview Middle and Elementary schools. Programming such as Teen Cuisine and Health Rocks provides our students with the skills and experiences needed for a happy and healthy life."



Mike Setser

Regional Director of Programming,
Communities in Schools of
Appalachian Highlands

\$80,970

Value of sheep sold in
2022-2023

Partners for Solutions

"The Dickenson Extension Office is pleased to partner with Communities in Schools for a second year. Last year was so successful, the grant has been expanded to create the Junior Wolfpack After the Bell Program for all elementary students. Communities in Schools provides funding, snacks, and transportation that make 4-H programming more accessible."



Kelly Rose
Agent



A crowd of producers from eight states pays close attention to the auctioneer at the Second Annual Hair Sheep Sale in 2023.

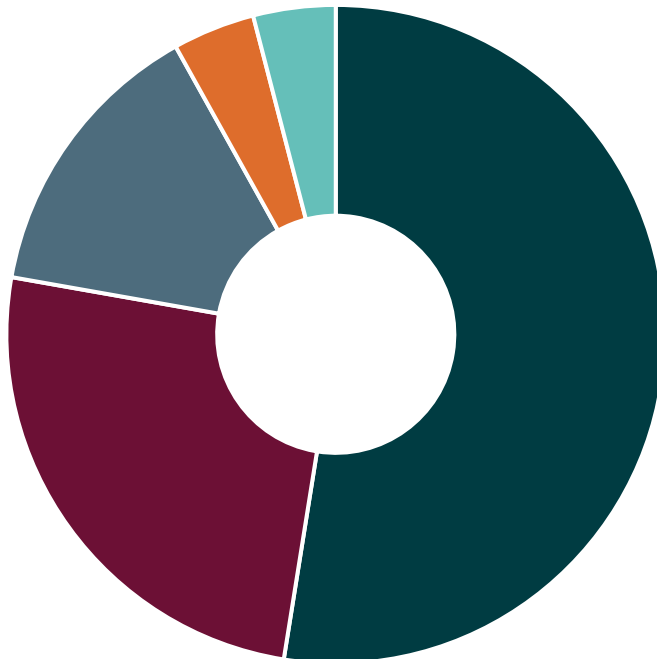
Sharing Knowledge

Livestock production is the largest segment of agriculture production in the coalfield region. The fastest growing sector in the region's livestock industry is hair sheep, which are bred for meat and are not sheared. Katahdin hair sheep are the fastest growing breed of all sheep, including wool breeds, in number of registrations and owner transfers in the United States.

In order to help local producers have an opportunity to both buy and sell high-quality breeding stock, the Coalfield Sheep Association, in cooperation with the Dickenson County Extension Office, conducted the Second Annual Hair Sheep Sale at the Coalfield Agricultural Center on Aug. 19, 2023. The sale grossed \$35,560 from sheep sold in Dickenson County to buyers from eight states.

Dickenson County

Funding by Source



52% State

25% Local

14% Federal

4% Grants

4% Other

Total Funding: \$365,591

\$2.98

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

\$23,346

value of extension
volunteer hours in
Dickenson County

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