



Scott County inmates plant and grow their own food

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SCOTT COUNTY, Ky. (WKYT) - Six Scott County Detention Center inmates are doing something they've never done before three times a week...grow their own food.

"This spring I called the jailer and asked if inmates could come out and help me clean the garden for spring," UK Scott County Cooperative agent for horticulture Sharon Flynt said. "I also mentioned that I had heard maybe he was interested in some plots for the inmates and that just got the ball rolling."

Scott County Jailer Derran Broyles says allowing inmates to plant, grow and eat their own food at the Georgetown/Scott County Community Garden teaches valuable life lessons.

"Our goal down at the jail is to positively impact the inmates in any way that we can to try to help them be successful when they're released and I think that goes a long way toward that effort," Broyles said.

Inmates planted tomatoes over the weekend and will soon plant green beans and spinach. Only six inmates participate in the program right now; all of which are hand-picked low-risk offenders.

"The inmates are clearly identifiable and they are always accompanied by a deputy from the jail who watches them and supervises the work that they're doing," Broyles said.

All plants and seeds in the garden were donated by the community. Broyles says any extra vegetables the garden yields will be donated to local charities and food banks in Scott County.