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North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
North Carolina State University

Established in 1914 by the Smith-Lever Act, North Carolina Cooperative Extension is an educational partnership of N.C. State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, N.C. A&T State University's School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments. Extension's mission is to partner with communities to deliver education and technology that enrich the lives, land and economy of North Carolinians. Extension programs meet people's needs, supply decision makers with unbiased data and help individuals, families and communities succeed.

Scope

- Extension's 101 county and Cherokee reservation offices supply expertise from 17 CALS departments, three College of Natural Resources departments, the College of Design and the College of Veterinary Medicine
- Extension collaborates with CALS academic programs and research faculty, other university extension and engagement units, land-grant institutions across the U.S., state, national and international agencies and associations
- Extension's 101 offices are all equipped with Internet connections for instant communication and data access from universities and global resources

Programs

- Sustainable, Profitable and Safe Plant, Animal and Food Systems
- Community Leader and Volunteer Development
- Emergency and Disaster Preparedness
- Energy Conservation and Alternatives
- Environmental Stewardship and Natural Resources Management
- Healthy Weight Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention
- Life Skills and Parenting

- Workforce and Economic Development
- Educational Success for Youth and Adults

Personnel

- 1,353 full- or part-time employees
- 491 faculty and staff located at North Carolina State University*
- 881 faculty and staff in county locations
- State and county advisory councils inform program priorities, development and implementation and serve as Extension advocates
- Nearly 48 percent of county agents work in agriculture
- More than 56,000 volunteers contributed 871,804 hours, valued at \$17.1 million

Other Facilities

- Regional Extension and research centers at Plymouth and Mills River
- Six 4-H centers across the state

Impact

- Target audience value of Extension programs is approaching \$1 billion
- 893,265 client contacts by volunteers
- Every state and federal dollar invested leverages more than \$18