

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

We believe that knowledge should go beyond the classroom.

By bridging Land-grant Universities and communities, we help researchers understand what people need most while helping those people apply new knowledge that benefits them, their families, and the places they call home.

We innovate to meet learners on their own terms.

Some people want face-to-face contact, others prefer 24-7 access. To meet diverse needs, we use technology to deliver on-line courses, mobile apps, and solution-oriented websites in addition to staffed local offices.

FUNDING

By matching federal funds at least \$1-to-\$1 with non-federal sources, Cooperative Extension delivers high impact programs and is a diligent steward of taxpayer investment.

Federal (Smith-Lever/1890s Extension)	10-50%
State funding	20-50%
County funding	0-20%
Grants	5-30%
Fee revenue, contract and gifts	5-20%



We partner.

By working with a network of public and private organizations we bring resources to the people who need them most.



We attract dedicated talent.

Diverse, knowledgeable, and creative professionals bring expertise and credibility to a career focused on helping people, businesses, and communities.



What makes the Cooperative Extension System unique?

Established by Congress through the Smith Lever Act of 1914 and subsequent amendments, **the Cooperative Extension System is...**

a national network of education professionals.

With thousands of university- and county-based employees and 2 million+ volunteers, we cross every state and U.S. territory.

a system of trusted community members. We meet people where they live to deliver tailored, innovative, and accessible programs, resources, and partnerships, so that they can make informed decisions at all stages of life and work.

a research-based data-driven organization.

Administered by the Nation's Land-grant Universities, including Historically Black and Native American tribally-controlled Colleges and Universities, we connect university science to community issues to change lives.

where co-created solutions happen.

By linking resources and organizations to address locally identified challenges and opportunities, we empower resilient communities to address pressing issues in rural and urban America.

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