

# *facts about . . .*

## 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 county centers serve citizens in all 100 counties and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation, providing 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
- Extension provides nearly 4.6 million contacts annually

### 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

- 1,326 full- or part-time employees
- 511 faculty and staff located at North Carolina State University\*
- 815 faculty and staff in county locations
- Nearly 59,000 volunteers contributed more than 1 million hours
- 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

### Other Facilities

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

\*Please note that some Extension employees have partial Extension funding.