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North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

North Carolina State University

Established in 1914, the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service (NCCES) is part of N.C. State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) and a national Cooperative Extension network. The N.C. Cooperative Extension Service partners with county and tribal governments and N.C. A&T State University's Cooperative Extension Program to provide seamless educational programs 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

- NCCES serves citizens, businesses and communities 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
- State and county advisory councils inform program priorities, development and implementation and serve as Extension advocates
- NCCES has more than 5 million contacts annually

Programs and 2011 Economic Impact

- Profitable and Sustainable Agriculture - \$52.2 million
- Safety and Security of Food and Farm Systems - \$100.8 million
- Local Food Systems - \$2.6 million
- Family Financial Management Skills - \$1.7 million
- Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Promotion and Chronic Disease Risk Reduction - \$24.2 million
- Natural Resources Conservation and Environmental Sustainability - \$9.7 million
- Urban and Consumer Agriculture - \$6.5 million
- Parenting and Caregiver Skills - \$1.7 million
- Volunteerism - \$19 million
- School to Career — \$10.9 million
- Energy Conservation — \$437,000
- Community Development — \$387,200

Personnel

- 694 county employees, including 407 county agents and 287 support staff
- 381 N.C. State University faculty and staff*
- 55 percent of positions are state funded; 45 percent are locally funded
- 46,081 volunteers contributed 802,887 hours

Other Facilities

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

Because of NCCES Programs, in 2011:

- More than 520,000 acres of farmland are enrolled in conservation easements, farmland protection programs, voluntary agricultural districts or present use value programs.
- Nearly 230,000 acres are under best management practices to protect natural resources.
- 61,200 youth gained science, technology and math knowledge.
- NCCES local food coordinators promoting the 10% Campaign encouraged consumers and businesses to spend \$13 million on local foods since July 2010.
- 23,337 youth gained work place employment skills.
- 61,500 homeowners used appropriate fertilization practices.
- 15,659 participants adopted practices to conserve energy in their homes.
- 622,600 households added more fruits and vegetables to their diets.

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