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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 (CAL S) 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
- Advisory councils made up of local citizens and business people help align program priorities to local needs and serve as Extension advocates
- NCCES had 5.6 million contacts in 2013

Programs and 2013 Economic Impact

- Profitable and Sustainable Agriculture — \$129.8 million
- Safety and Security of Food and Farm Systems — \$31.2 million
- Local Food Systems — \$4.8 million
- Urban and Consumer Agriculture — \$25.5 million
- Volunteerism — \$14.5 million
- Community Development — \$4.8 million

Personnel

- 679 county employees, including 395 county agents, 178 support staff and 106 program assistants/technicians
- 172 N.C. State University faculty and staff and Extension associates*
- 53 percent of positions are state funded; 47 percent are locally funded
- 69,108 volunteers contributed 656,054 hours

Other Facilities

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

Snapshots of some NCCES Program Outcomes and Impacts in 2013

- NCCES local food coordinators promoting the 10% Campaign encouraged consumers and businesses to spend more than \$58 million on local foods since July 2010
- 56,725 county residents began to buy locally produced food
- 43,409 youth and adults increased their fruit and vegetable consumption
- 40,276 individuals received certification training for more than 38 different programs
- 30,252 youth and adults increased knowledge in career and employment skills
- 6,343 youth and adults increased their knowledge of entrepreneurship
- 4,837 youth and adults have implemented effective life skills
- 4,077 teachers used 4-H STEM curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in their classrooms with 101,399 youth increasing their knowledge in STEM
- 4,001 youth and adults began new or expanded leadership roles in their communities
- 2,839 individuals participated in community gardens
- 2,620 people have implemented basic financial management strategies

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