NC State Extension helps create prosperity for North Carolina through programs and partnerships focused on agriculture, food and nutrition, and 4-H youth development. We don’t just conduct groundbreaking research; our people deliver solutions directly into the hands of North Carolinians.

Extension is Everywhere

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773 Professionals
101 Local Centers

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Impact of Ag Research

- Tier 1 – $627.7 Million
- Tier 2 – $825.7 Million
- Tier 3 – $224.4 Million

In 2016, we connected with 1,790,715 people in 13,155 programs.

$176.9M in annual economic impact on North Carolina.

$18.1M value in hours worked by volunteers.

Our Support Team

- State of N.C. $39.7M
- N.C. Counties $26.9M
- Grants/Gifts $22.8M
- U.S. Gov’t. $10 M

Extension give North Carolina a 5-to-1 ROI

Here are just a few examples:

- Profitable and Sustainable Ag $130.1M
- Consumer and Urban Ag $36.4M
- Farm System Safety/Security $7.6M
- Local Food Systems $5.1M
- Community Development $3.4M

60% of NC State’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ research faculty have Extension appointments.

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Extension Focuses On...

FEEDING OUR FUTURE
NC State Extension connects growers with research-based information and technology. We help keep North Carolina’s $84 billion agriculture industry growing and sustainable.

228 county employees
763,441 face-to-face contacts
58,416 consumers increased awareness of the value of local agriculture
4,140 Master Gardener volunteers
63,929 crop producers adopted best management practices
$84 billion value of N.C. agriculture industry

Note: Not all county employees are not affiliated with a single program area.

IMPROVING OUR HEALTH
Extension educational programs range from local foods and home gardening to food safety and food preservation. We help people make healthier decisions and live better lives.

119 county employees
327,966 face-to-face contacts
1,955 food service employees trained in safety and health
60,704 SNAP-Ed program educational contacts
2,000 Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less participants
29,802 North Carolinians increased their consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables

ENRICHING OUR YOUTH
Extension’s 4-H program is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina. We help over 247,000 young people grow into active, contributing citizens each year.

111 county employees
422,948 face-to-face contacts
196,843 hours donated by 4-H volunteers
247,000+ 4-H’ers
16,997 attended 4-H camp
4,495 teachers used 4-H programs in their classrooms in a year
132,970 youth gained more knowledge in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

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