Extension Grows North Carolina

NC State Extension improves the lives, economies and communities of all North Carolinians through programs and partnerships focused on agriculture, food and nutrition, and 4-H youth development. We don’t just conduct groundbreaking research; NC State Extension delivers the outcomes directly into the hands of North Carolinians.

$2.1B impact
Annual economic impact on North Carolina.

27-to-1 ROI
Extension generates a 27-to-1 return on government investments.

$98.8M expenses
- State of N.C. $43.9M
- N.C. Counties $19.2M
- Others $20.5M
- Federal $15.2M

In 2018, we connected with 1.8M people via 13,000+ programs.

967 professionals
101 local centers
County centers are staffed by 599 NC State employees, while another 368 faculty and staff work on campus at least part to full-time with Extension.

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FEEDING OUR FUTURE
NC State Extension keeps North Carolina’s agriculture industry – the state’s leading economic sector – growing and sustainable by connecting growers with research-based information and technology.

200 county employees
590,300 face-to-face contacts
162,942 participants attended training programs
31,159 farms adopted best management practices
40,208 participants increased their knowledge of local food and agricultural systems
$87B – value of N.C. agriculture industry

IMPROVING OUR HEALTH
NC State Extension helps people make healthier decisions and live better lives through programs that range from home gardening and healthy eating to local food systems and food safety.

102 county employees
287,282 face-to-face contacts
84,983 participants attended training programs
1,206 food service employees trained
19,013 North Carolinians increased their physical activity
32,225 North Carolinians increased their consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables

ENRICHING OUR YOUTH
Extension’s 4-H program addresses the diverse issues and backgrounds of today’s youth, helping to grow more than 225,000 young people into healthier, more involved citizens and future leaders.

113 county employees
399,902 face-to-face contacts
229,550 4-H’ers
12,248 attended 4-H camp
3,023 teachers used 4-H programs in their classrooms last year
39,780 youth increased their knowledge of career and employability skills

Note: An additional 184 NC State county employees are affiliated with other/multiple program areas. Another 174 county Extension employees are funded entirely by county governments and/or N.C. A&T State University.

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