

OSU Extension: Connecting Your Community to Ohio State

We are proud of Ohio State University Extension and its mission to serve as our statewide campus that connects the needs of Ohioans with the resources and research of The Ohio State University. Together, we provide education and build partnerships designed to solve today's problems and prepare for the future. Extension, whether through Ohio 4-H youth development or other programmatic components, is based in the ongoing interaction of data, ideas, and people. OSU Extension's success is because of its ability to reach back to the university, while at the same time remaining embedded in the local community. OSU Extension doesn't just deliver research to people to help inform their decision-making; the critical component is that they bring back to the university the concerns, needs, and realities facing individuals, farmers, manufacturers, and communities to inform the work being done on campus.

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ONE COLLEGE. THREE MISSIONS. ALL OHIO.

As the community-based outreach arm of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), OSU Extension delivers knowledge from Ohio State to every county in Ohio and brings people and ideas together to help CFAES sustain life.

These are examples of OSU Extension's reach throughout Ohio in 2018...

PRIORITY: HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Ohioans learned how to understand, recognize, avoid, or prevent substance misuse and abuse.



Ohioans increased their safety awareness and learned about accident prevention by participating in safety training on numerous home, community, youth, tractor, or grain handling topics.



Youth and adults learned how to manage their stress levels and emotional health, and/or were trained in mental health first aid and similar topics.



Ohio adults and youth learned how to prevent or manage chronic illnesses by eating more nutritiously, exercising regularly, and completing annual health screenings.

PRIORITY: ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



Acres of farmland were impacted by programs that influenced farmers to use no-till or cover crops.



Farmers and commercial horticulture professionals were trained in practices to protect environmental and/or water quality and conserve natural resources.



People were trained in forest and wildlife management techniques via the Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist and other programs.



OSU Extension's reach *(continued)*

PRIORITY: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

23,800  Ohio adults and youth gained new skills to help them budget, plan, and manage their finances.

 **6,800**  Individuals acquired new skills in business management, growth strategies, and asset and risk management to enhance fiscal success and reduce liability risk.

 **30,500**  Youth improved their leadership and communication skills through workforce prep-type activities, also learning how to lead a group or club, finish a job they started, and be successful workers in the future.

PRIORITY: THRIVING ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN

 **92,700**  Youth learned new skills by participating in an Ohio 4-H project, program, event, or activity.

 **11,900**  Youth participated in overnight camps sponsored by OSU Extension.

4,160  Parents and other caregivers were trained in raising healthy, thriving children.

3,400  People learned new strategies for successful aging in place and/or living independently with disabilities support.

 **47,750**  Ohio youth use information they learned in science, technology, and engineering programs in their daily life.

 **52,400**  Youth said they are connected to caring adults who are interested in their success.

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 Also supports one or more of the college's key priorities (workforce development, water quality, youth development)

 Relates to one or more of Governor DeWine's top priorities

PRIORITY: ENGAGED OHIOANS, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

 **2,520**  Adults took on new leadership roles and opportunities in local businesses, service organizations, boards, and/or public offices after participating in Extension-facilitated community/strategic planning and leadership development programs.

1,120  Community improvement projects were developed including land exchanges, urban gardens, and community gardens.

550  Adults participated in counseling and education that will help them become homeowners.

 **\$3.7 MILLION**  Resources were leveraged by businesses assisted by business retention and expansion programs, retail market analysis, economic impact analysis, or community and strategic planning programs.

PRIORITY: SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

21,000  Ohio farmers learned new production methods that can increase crop yields and profitability.

 **20,600**  Ohio youth better understand the food system via hands-on, local "ag day" programs.

5,600  Acres were farmed organically as a result of farmers' participation in OSU Extension programs.

 **5,700**  People received training or assistance in innovative agricultural (and/or micro-) entrepreneurship such as farmers markets, urban ag, and local foods production.

Because of OSU Extension, Ohioans have the **knowledge** and **resources** they need to **actively engage** in creating conditions in which they **thrive**.

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