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

### PRIORITY: HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- **16,131** Ohioans learned how to understand, recognize, avoid, or prevent substance misuse and abuse.
- **26,000** 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.
- **9,330** 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.
- **27,800** 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

- **2.3 MILLION** Acres of farmland were impacted by programs that influenced farmers to use no-till or cover crops.
- **8,100** Farmers and commercial horticulture professionals were trained in practices to protect environmental and/or water quality and conserve natural resources.
- **1,700** People were trained in forest and wildlife management techniques via the Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist and other programs.
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<td><strong>23,800</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Community improvement projects were developed including land exchanges, urban gardens, and community gardens.</td>
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**KEY**
- 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

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