

Cooperative Extension

Cooperative Extension is a nationwide system for non-formal education which was established by Congress in 1914 to improve America's agricultural system and strengthen families and communities. Cooperative Extension is a partnership of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the State land grant universities, and county governments, cooperating to serve local citizens.

The mission of the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) is to serve California through the creation, development, and application of knowledge in agricultural, natural, and human resources. Cooperative Extension was established in Placer and Nevada Counties in 1917. The original agreements stipulated that each county would provide support staff and services in exchange for university-paid programs and professionals. Today, funding for research and education programs comes from county, state, and federal governments; and from competitive grants awarded to county-based academics.

UCCE, also known as the 4-H and Farm Advisor, serves as a local problem-solving center. UC Cooperative Extension works to strengthen and ensure the sustainability of our land, environment, and local communities. We are catalysts, collaborators, educators, and stewards of the land, living in the communities we serve.

In Placer and Nevada Counties, county-based Advisors provide unbiased, research-based information and training through programs focused on Horticulture and Small Farms, Livestock and Natural Resources, and Nutrition Education. Delivery of our 4-H Youth Development and Master Gardener programs is facilitated by hundreds of community volunteers.

