



Message from Director

Dear Friends,

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) was established in Glenn County in 1915. We provide education, outreach and research activities to the County. Nestled within the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, UC Cooperative Extension is best described as a vast network of UC researchers and educators. In return for University work in our community, the County provides support to UCCE including administrative staff, facilities, transportation, utilities, and other support.

The 2015-16 year brought many changes to the Glenn County office. We said goodbye to our dedicated Administrative Services Officer, Jody Samons, who served this office for an admirable 36-years. We look forward to continuing to work with Jody in her new position as Glenn County Community Development Director. We also said goodbye to 4-H Program Representative Jamie Marron, but were happy to welcome



Betsy Karle, County Director UC Cooperative Extension- Glenn

her into her new role as a volunteer 4-H leader. Our Master Gardener Program Coordinator, John Shovein also wrapped up his tenure with UCCE in 2016. We wish all of our previous staff the best in their new endeavors and are pleased to introduce our new staff in the pages that follow.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Glenn County Board of Supervisors for their steadfast support of our office and our programs. We are here to serve all residents of the county and base our programs and research on local needs. Our work would not be possible without the hundreds of volunteers who extend our reach through the Master Gardener Program and the 4-H Youth Development Program. Our local partners are integral to our success: we can further leverage our resources by working with partners like the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Resource Conservation District and the Farm Bureau. Our locally relevant applied research would be impossible without the collaboration of dozens of forward thinking and innovative farmer cooperators. The insight from these leaders within our food production systems is essential to conduct our problem-solving research. We would not be able to offer our programs at little or no cost to our community without the support of our private donors. We sincerely thank each and every individual and business who has invested in our future!

Looking forward to a bright future here in Glenn County!

Most Sincerely,

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Mission

Engage UC with the people of California to achieve innovation in fundamental and applied research and education that supports

- sustainable, safe, nutritious food production and delivery
- economic success in a global economy
- a sustainable, healthy, productive environment
- science literacy and youth development programs



Programs

Farm Advisor

Academic advisors in the areas of agriculture production and natural resource management conduct applied research and provide educational opportunities to farmers, land managers and allied industry. Research is conducted in partnership with agriculture producers and land managers to address issues of importance to the local community.



4-H Youth Development Program

4-H helps young people to reach their full potential as competent, confident, caring leaders of character who are connected to others and contribute to their communities. The focus of the 4-H programs is positive youth development through activities in science literacy, healthy living, and citizenship.



Master Gardener

The Master Gardener program extends research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of Glenn County. UCCE Master Gardeners of Glenn County conduct workshops, contribute articles to local newspapers, maintain a Plant Clinic, offer educational presentations to community organizations, and provide informational booths at county events.

Orchard Farm Advisor

About: The Orchard program serves growers and pest control advisors (PCAs) who farm tree crops in Glenn, Butte & Tehama counties. We provide research based information and advice on all aspects of orchard production from pre-plant to orchard removal.

Research: This research program aims to improve production practices and the success of our local industry. Research projects funded in 2015-2016 include:

Project Title	Funded
	amount
Cover crop systems for almond orchards: exploring benefits and	\$3,300
tradeoffs to inform management	
Mechanical topping of dormant 2 nd leaf almonds	\$6,000
Biological control of brown marmorated stink bug, Halyomorpha halys	Supplies
Cover crops to mitigate heat at prune bloom	\$8,000
Measuring heat risk at prune bloom	\$3,000
Regional almond variety trial	\$70,000
Young walnut orchard management: effects of heading and painting	\$6,000
Development of disease resistant walnut rootstocks	\$29,000
Total:	\$125,300



Entered Cooperative Extension in 2014

Meetings: There are annual meetings offered for growers and PCAs of olives, almonds, & walnuts. These meetings present current research updates and best management practices. Additionally, they offer continuing education (CE) credit opportunities through California Department of Pesticide Regulation and Certified Crop Advisor (CCA credits). In 2016, we offered a total of 5 hours of CCA credits and 6.5 hours of CE credits to a total of approximately 430 meeting attendees. Additionally, the program has provided talks to over 1,200 attendees at meetings across the state.

Newsletters: Newsletters are mailed to subscribers 3-4 times per year, either by hard copy or email. In addition, newsletter articles and archived articles are posted online at www.sacvalleyorchards.com.

Current newsletters include:

Newsletter	Number of Annual Issues	Number of Subscribers
Sacramento Valley Almond Newsletter	4	515
Sacramento Valley Prune Newsletter	4	366
Sacramento Valley Walnut Newsletter	3	488
Olive Facts	1	628
Total:	12	1997

Farm calls: We meet one-on-one or in small groups with growers and PCAs to address problems and help provide data to support important management decisions. On-site help and discussions include topics such as evaluating soil suitability, improving irrigation practices, or troubleshooting poor tree vigor. In 2016, the Orchard program tallied 73 farm calls, had 98 phone consultations and 13 office meetings with clientele.

Dairy Farm Advisor

About: The dairy program serves producers and allied industry by conducting research activities to guide on–farm management decisions. Information about management practices for all types of dairies is available and programmatic activities are driven by clientele needs.

Research: The primary research project in the 2015-16 year was a risk assessment and analysis for dairy calf respiratory disease management. Respiratory disease has lasting impacts on animal productivity and the research team pursued strategies to aid in early diagnosis and management. A convenient scoring system to diagnose the disease was developed with veterinarians and professors across the University of California continuum and local dairies participated in a yearlong analysis of respiratory disease and management practices in their herds. The team is working to develop a risk analysis tool to improve management of respiratory disease and reduce unnecessary antimicrobial use.



Betsy Karle Entered Cooperative Extension in 2007

Karle also worked with the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine to evaluate newborn calf management practices and associated effects on calf health and immunity. Nutrient management and water quality on dairy cropland remains an active area of research as well. Karle continued work with colleagues in surrounding counties to develop rice straw preservation practices (rice strawlage) to improve feeding quality for livestock. Soil health practices on dairy farms are an emerging area of research and educational activity.

Newly funded research projects will investigate mitigation methods for short-lived climate pollutants (methane) in manure management systems and reduced use of antibiotics to prevent mastitis in dairy cows.

Educational Offerings: The inaugural Golden State Dairy Management Conference, hosted by UCCE, was held in March. The statewide conference was organized by Karle and colleagues throughout the state and was the first of its kind to highlight dairy research from across the UC system. Four issues of the California Dairy Newsletter, collaborative, <u>research-based dairy newsletter</u>, were distributed to subscribers.

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Glenn County maintains a large <u>4-H program</u>, which includes:

- 9 community clubs
- · Nearly 207 adult volunteers
- Over 500 youth members

All 4-H leaders are volunteers who donate thousands of hours of their time, per year, to provide leadership and training to youth ranging in age from 5 to 19 years.

In 4-H, youth design and participate in their own programs and activities. This unique learn-by-doing model teaches essential skills that youth will use throughout their lives, including:

- Project skills
- Setting goals
- Self-reflection
- Adapting to new situations
- Communication skills
- Responding to the needs of others



Sara van Tol Entered UC Cooperative Extension in 2016

Our programs focus on the core objectives of 4-H: Community Service, Healthy Living and S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and they provide youth members the opportunity to learn important skills in a safe and positive environment. Youth develop life skills including: public speaking, creative writing, art and can participate in healthy living sports programs that are non-competitive and focus on skill building and team work. Teens are trained to become mentors, leading projects for younger members.

In 2015-2016, the Glenn County 4-H Youth Development Program raised over \$20,800 in fundraisers and \$6,465 in donations. These funds are used to purchase curriculum, supplies for events and trainings, summer camp and staffing. These funds made it possible for over 500 youth to participate in fun, educational hands-on learning experiences and skills that help them to navigate life challenges.



4-H Program Impact

How we serve our community

How do 4-Hers Participate?

9 4-H Clubs in Glenn County

516 Youth Members in local 4-H clubs

207 Adult Volunteers in local 4-H clubs

114 campers in 4-H overnight camp

Program Emphasis

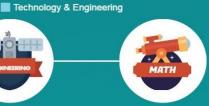


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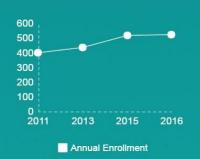
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Impact



4-H youth are 1.7 times more likely to take courses or pursue a career in science, technology or engineering.

4-H members are 1.9 times more likely to get better grades in school and 2.1 times more likely to report high engagement in school.



Master Gardener

The UC Master Gardener Program of Glenn County started in 2011 with a class of 15 students. Since then, three more classes have graduated in the program, the most recent being the class of 2016 with 14 students. These students have worked on Master Gardener Projects for a documented total of 3,063 volunteer hours since 2011. In addition, Master Gardeners in Glenn County have attended 628 hours of Continuing Education in which they learned of new research, new skills and new strategies to share with their neighbors in the county.

Some recent UCCE Glenn County Master Gardener projects include:

• Plant Clinic: The Orland Plant Clinic provided research-based responses to 97 questions on a wide range of horticultural topics in 2015-16. Many of the questions were related to the ongoing drought of this period. A Willows Plant Clinic was

added to the program in 2016, with sessions held at the Willows Library and the Willows Farmers' Market.

- Workshops: UCCE Master Gardeners in Glenn County
 presented two workshops, one in Orland and one in Willows,
 on strategies to combat the effects of the drought on the home
 garden. In addition, a workshop on budding and grafting with
 fruit and nut trees was held near Hamilton City.
- Master Gardeners have contributed biweekly articles to a local newspaper on a variety of gardening topics. In 2016, The UCCE Glenn County Master Gardener program was chosen to provide the lead article and photos for the Spring Gardening issue of the area's largest newspaper.
- Master Gardeners have made presentations to the
 Hamilton City Lions Club, the Willows Rotary Club, and the
 Orland Garden Club on gardening topics. In addition,
 informational booths were maintained at the Willows Craft Fair and Willows Farmer's
 Market.

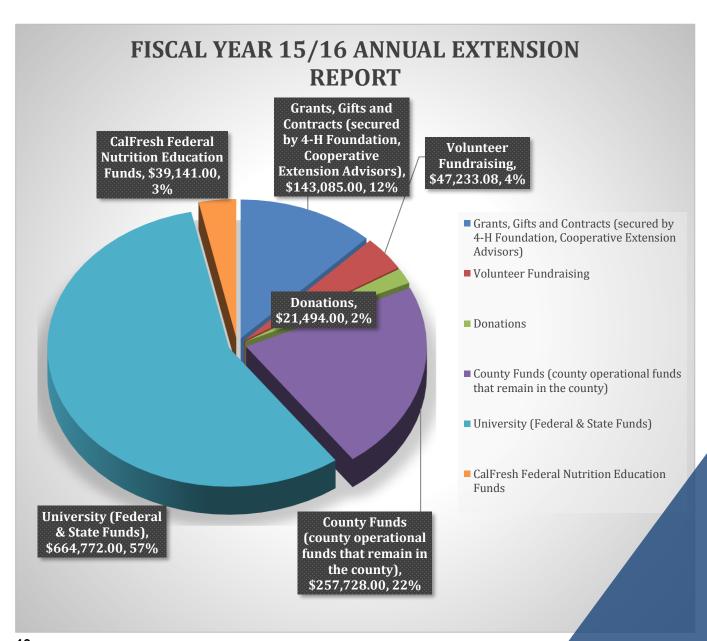
Robert Scoville

- Master Gardeners created award-winning booths for both the 2015 and 2016 County Fair.
 These booths featured samples of ornamental plants from the yards of UCCE Glenn County Master Gardener yards.
- Six UCCE Master Gardeners from Glenn County attended an Integrated Pest Management Conference in Chico where they learned the latest information on the Asian Citrus Psyllid, weed management, and pesticides.

Future plans for UCCE Master Gardeners of Glenn County include a demonstration and teaching garden adjacent to the UCCE Office in Orland. The first use of this ongoing project will be a Junior Master Gardening project for 4-H youth members.

Resources & Financial Management

The University provides advisors and community education specialists that conduct programs for Youth Development (4-H), Orchard Crops, Dairy, and Master Gardeners. Additional programming is provided by advisors from neighboring counties for rice, integrated pest management, irrigation and water resources, livestock, pasture and range management, strawberry nursery production and nutrition, family and consumer sciences. The value of the University's support of UC Cooperative Extension in Glenn County was \$664,772 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, accounting for 57% of our total operating costs. Additionally, our staff generated \$143,085.00 in fees, grant funds and gifts to support program delivery in Glenn County. The County is responsible for office space, support staff, supplies and services necessary for program delivery. Community-based research, public service, outreach and education are integral parts of UCCE's service in Glenn County.



Looking Forward

UC ANR envisions a thriving California, where healthy people and communities, healthy food systems, and healthy environments are strengthened by a close partnership between the University of California and its research and extension programs and the people of the state.

The University remains connected and committed to the people of California, who enjoy a high quality of life, a healthy environment, and economic success in a global economy.

Cooperative Extension Staff

Not pictured: Jody Samons (former Administrative Services Officer), Jamie Marron (former 4-H Program Representative), John Shovein (former Master Gardener Coordinator)

Please take a minute to meet our staff!



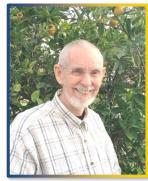
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We work in full partnership with federal, state, county, and private resources.

We are UC Cooperative Extension.

GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Glenn County is nestled in the northern end of the Sacramento Valley, 100 miles north of Sacramento, where the major commodities are almonds, rice, milk products, olives and livestock. Created out of the northern portion of Colusa County, Glenn County was incorporated on March 5, 1895. Willows, the county seat, is located in the southern part of the county, while Orland is located in the northern end. Hamilton City is situated 10 miles east of Orland where State Highway 32 crosses the Sacramento River, while Elk Creek can be found at the western edge of the county, right next to the beautiful Mendocino National Forest. Named for Dr. Hugh J. Glenn, the largest wheat farmer in the state during his lifetime, Glenn County is situated at the cross-roads of Interstate 5 and State Route 32, just 20 minutes from the educational opportunities of California State University, Chico, and the modern medical facilities located in Chico and Redding. Hunting and fishing are within an hour's drive, and small town living is one of the main reasons people choose to live and raise their children here.

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