

UC Cooperative Extension San Benito

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University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) brings the power of UC research in agriculture, natural resources, and youth development to local communities to improve the lives of all Californians.

Our Cooperative Extension (UCCE) county-based advisors, community educators, and campus-based academics work as teams to bring practical, trusted, science-based solutions to our state. We are problem solvers, catalysts, collaborators, educators, and stewards of the land, living in the communities we serve.



Public Meeting for Wildfire Protection Plan



218

volunteers donated
9,475
hours public service
— estimated value
of
\$ 353,607



3,931

total educational
interactions with the
public



16

peer-reviewed and
audience-requested
publications and
educational
materials



4

activities bringing
research to policy



47

academic-led
workshops, field
days, and classes
with
1,710
participants



2

news media
programs/
mentions



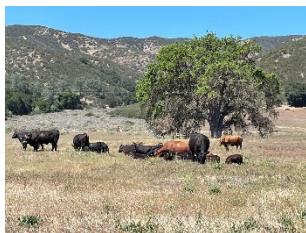
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youth in
UC 4-H Youth
Development
Program

The 4-H program had a pancake breakfast to raise funds for the program, in addition to teaching youth to work together and interact with the community. 4-H also contributed to the County by volunteering with 5 community organizations.

The Fire Program worked closely with community members and local organizations to develop the San Benito Community Wildfire Protection Plan and began the Wildfire Regional Prioritization Plan, intended to set up the county for future project funding.

The Livestock and Natural Resources program wrapped up two large CAL FIRE grants that developed the Central Coast Prescribed Burn Association, in addition to completing the fourth year of an experiment at Pinnacles National Park exploring how cattle grazing, seeding, and mowing can help achieve the park's conservation goals.



Cattle at Pinnacles National Park

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4-H Senior Scholarships

Partnering for Change

UC ANR builds partnerships based on deep and long-lasting relationships with local, state and federal governments, community-based organizations, schools, nonprofits and private industry.

- San Benito Resource Conservation District
- Pinnacles National Park
- San Benito County Cattlemen's Association
- CAL FIRE
- San Benito Agricultural Land Trust
- Paicines Ranch
- San Benito County Fire Safe Council
- California State Parks
- San Benito County Chamber of Commerce
- Calaveras Park Community Food Pantry
- Our Father's House
- Cat Crew

UCCE Funding



\$845,889
University



\$103,826
County



\$61,133
Advisor generated
(grants, gifts, other,
etc.)



Volunteers raised
\$20,000
to support local
programs

It is estimated that for every

\$1

invested in agricultural
research and extension
there is a return of

\$20

to the community.

Alston, Anderson et al (2010)

Leveraging the Power of the UC System



The local UC Cooperative Extension office provides valuable resources that we would otherwise miss, and local expertise that we trust. The staff have personal relationships with the community and are readily available to assist us when we need them. They are a valuable partner to us.

— Lynn Overtree, Executive Director,
San Benito Agricultural Land Trust

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