

From the County Director

Placer and Nevada Counties' UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) advisors and staff provide research-based information and education to meet the needs of local residents. Our 4-H, Master Gardener, nutrition, horticulture and livestock programs provide hands-on learning with an emphasis on "helping people help themselves." In 2017–18, UC Cooperative Extension helped local residents through providing information, education and training opportunities as well as technical assistance in these areas:

4-H Youth Development

- 20 4-H clubs served 1,039 youth members in Placer and Nevada counties
- 4,035 youth enrolled in group and short-term activities
- 281 dedicated adult 4-H volunteers facilitated program delivery

Master Gardener

- 275 Master Gardener volunteers donated 17,000 service hours, valued at \$425,000.
- Volunteers delivered more than 55 workshops and reached over 17,500 people with gardening and composting information.

Horticulture and Small Farms programs

- 443 producers improved business, soil, water, and pest management skills through 24 UCCE workshops.
- Assisted 78 farmers to improve farm sustainability by adopting new practices.
- Reached 83,189 people with on-line research-based information

Livestock and Natural Resources

- More than 290 ranchers gained hands-on skills through grazing schools and workshops
- 921 subscribers received practical and timely information from the New Foothill Rancher
- The Ranching in the Sierra Foothills blog posted 33 times, with over 12,000 page views.

Nutrition Education

- 3,200 low income Placer and Nevada County schoolchildren received nutrition education
- Over 10,000 adults learned about nutrition through workshops, newsletters, and online
- 484 students participated in school garden activities. Two schools used school garden produce in their cafeterias.

Nevada County Fire and Forestry

- 375 Nevada County residents increased their knowledge of fire-resilient communities through 4 workshops, including 2 on prescribed fire; and 20 small-group meetings.
- The Living with Fire Facebook page reached 8,200 area residents.

Collaboration with county government, community partners, and volunteers allows us to provide these education and learning opportunities. We are grateful for their support and assistance.

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