



PBA Coordinator Kestrel Grevatt shows volunteers how to use a drip torch at a prescribed burn in Fiddletown, Amador Co.

## FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES

- **Participants discussed, learned, and reviewed practices for post-fire forest management**
  - Four workshops hosted expert speakers to provide local and regional knowledge on dead tree removal, erosion control, tree planting and cost-share assistance programs.
  - 114 registered participants joined virtual educational sessions weekly for seven weeks.
- **Improved industry representation and stakeholder collaboration on regional projects and raised public awareness of forest biomass-derived products**
- **Landowners learned to conduct prescribed fires on their own property**
  - 13 classroom and field-based workshops and events for landowners reached 178 people. Since 2018, 46 workshop days/events have provided 1142 people with prescribed fire technical assistance.
  - CDC/CalFire grant funded a CES coordinator and the purchase of prescribed burn tools and equipment.
- **Forest Stewardship Workshops benefit landowners**
  - Amador County landowners received a free visit from a Registered Professional Forester covering 150 acres.

## AGRICULTURE

- **Assessments identified needs and priorities of local farmers, guiding research and extension focus**
  - Sustainable food systems/organic agriculture emerged as the top priority, followed by insect, pest, weed, and disease control, technical assistance with grant programs/regulatory compliance, and irrigation management.
- **Hired new Integrated Pest Management Advisor**

## LIVESTOCK

- **Development and implementation of Livestock Agriculture Pass program**
  - Established required protocols for ranchers to safely access their livestock during a wildfire event.
- **Participants learned strategies for sustainable grazing management and reduction of wildfire risk**
  - Received \$300,000 to research virtual fence (VF) technology for grazing livestock in post-fire landscapes, evaluating the creation of fire breaks, and controlling invasive weeds.
- **Local producers improved food safety with Beef Quality Assurance training and certification**
  - 32 beef producers from 14 different counties attended the Beef Quality Assurance Certification Training in Jackson, Amador County.
- **Proposed USDA meat processing facility will increase access to local food and benefit Central Sierra businesses**
  - Survey was developed to determine processing needs of livestock producers for cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs.
  - 164 responses from 12 different counties expressed a need for a local USDA meat processing facility.
  - Two townhall meetings discussed survey results and future meetings will be held to determine facility size, location, and ownership.

## UC CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING

- **Participants adopted healthier eating behaviors at home**
  - 47 direct education sessions provided to 306 youth and adults.
  - Indirect nutrition education exceeded 30,000 contacts.
- **Hired new Community Health and Nutrition Advisor**



Cattle in a research study are fitted with virtual fence (VF) collars as an alternative to traditional fencing in Lone, Amador Co.

## UC MASTER GARDENERS

- **Participants adopted sustainable gardening practices**
  - UCCE Master Gardener volunteers taught 42 classes.
  - In Amador County, 66% of participants began growing edible plants after attending a Master Gardener class and 53% expanded the variety of edibles they planted.



A Master Gardener volunteer demonstrates planting techniques during a class at the Heritage Rose Garden in Jackson, Amador Co.

## UC MASTER FOOD PRESERVERS

- **Participants adopted home food safety practices**
  - Amador County Master Food Preserver volunteers hosted 52 in-person activities including public classes, farmers market information booths, youth events and county fairs, providing education to 1,204 participants.
- **Participants learned techniques to save money, increase food security, and reduce food waste**
  - Participants saved money by learning various methods of food preservation including freezing, dehydrating, pressure canning, steam canning, and pickling.

## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- **Grant-funded opportunities promoted agricultural career and educational opportunities**
  - Corteva Pollinator Grant funded conference travel for eight 4-H youth to attend the "Ignite 4-H" summit in Washington D.C. and learn how to introduce pollinator habitat education programs in their communities.
  - Pollinator gardens have been installed at two Amador County schools, with more planned.



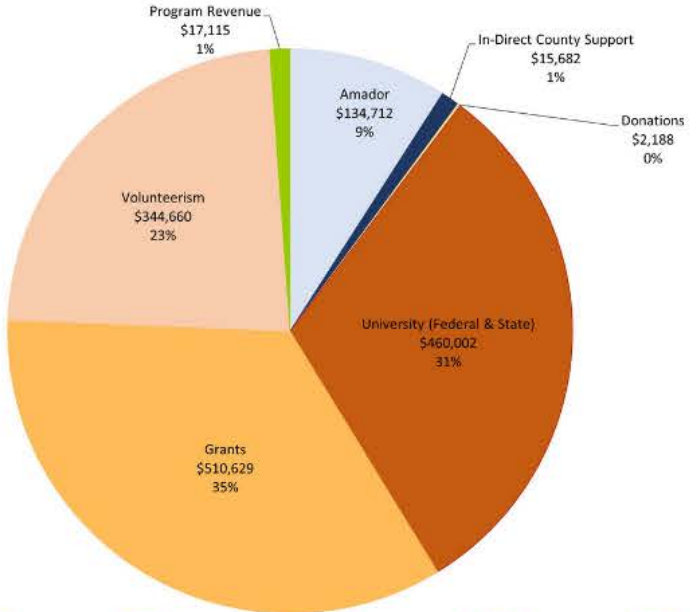
# UCCE Funding

**\$460,002**  
University

**\$150,394**  
Amador County

**\$510,629**  
Advisor-Generated  
Gifts and Grants

**\$19,303**  
Raised by Volunteers to  
Support Local Programs



<b>140</b> volunteers donated <b>9,235</b> hours of service -- a value of <b>\$344,660</b>	<b>37</b> academic-led workshops, field days, and classes with <b>507</b> participants	<b>7</b> peer-reviewed/audience-requested publications	<b>5,313</b> total educational interactions with the public	<b>10</b> news media programs/mentions
<b>3,448</b> residents reached by UC Master Gardener volunteers	<b>5</b> new certified Environmental Stewards	<b>500</b> youth in UC 4-H Youth Development Program	<b>307</b> people reached by CFHL-UC direct education	



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