

Overview: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach



We're focused on feeding people, keeping them healthy, helping their communities prosper and thrive, and turning the world over to the next generation better than we found it.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is a community-based education unit serving the state of Iowa.

- We engage citizens with the research, educational, and technological resources of Iowa State in partnership with federal, state, and county governments.
- Our faculty, educators, and staff harness resources from all ISU colleges and campus units and 99 counties to build capacity, lead programs, and support efforts across the state.

Purpose

ISU Extension and Outreach helps carry the university's land-grant mission beyond campus borders.

- Our core purpose is to provide research-based educational programs.
- We accomplish this goal through the development of diverse and meaningful partnerships.
- Through our purpose and partnerships, we provide relevant, needs-driven resources — creating significant impact in Iowa.

Impact

- Each year more than 1 million people directly benefit from ISU Extension and Outreach educational programs.
- We connect with millions more online.

By the Numbers

- 7 statewide hotlines
- About 1,200 staff and faculty on campus and in the counties
- 900 elected county extension council members
- 16,000 volunteers
- 100 county extension offices

Programs Aligned with ISU Colleges

- Agriculture and Natural Resources in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences — providing unbiased, research-based information and education to agricultural professionals to grow the economic base of Iowa agriculture
- Community and Economic Development in the College of Design — empowering communities to shape their own futures through research, education, community engagement, economic development, community planning, and design.
- Human Sciences in the College of Human Sciences — engaging and empowering people with research-based information and education throughout their lifetimes to build strong relationships, families, and communities
- 4-H Youth Development in K-12 youth outreach across Iowa State University — empowering youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults

... and justice for all

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