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

“ISU Extension and Outreach brings community to Iowans. It brings education. It brings a partnership; it brings a sense of belonging. I’m very proud of the work I do for Extension and Outreach.”
— Julie Mayhew, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Family Nutrition Program Assistant, Floyd County

“I want to thank all the county staff and state staff for all the time and effort they spend working with our young people and making them better individuals and better leaders.”
— William Sparks, father

“I want to thank you for helping me get my business started, without the aid of the extension office it would not have been possible.”
— Eric Johnson, Sawmill Owner

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We bring campus to you. With nearly 1,200 faculty and staff on campus and across the state and 100 county offices, Extension and Outreach gives Iowa State University a 99 county campus.

1 in 5 kids wears the clover! More than 105,000 school-age youth participate in Iowa 4-H programs.

Kids really do like science, technology, engineering, and math. We provide youth in all 99 counties with opportunities to build STEM skills.

More than 60,000 Iowans are taking action, thanks to education and information from our community and economic development specialists. These local leaders, government officials, business owners, entrepreneurs, and volunteers are improving their communities.

Human sciences education expands potential. Last year Iowans improved their knowledge and skills in health, nutrition, family finance, and family life, through more than 100,000 learning opportunities with us.

Farmers and agribusiness professionals come to us. Last year they participated in more than 300,000 learning opportunities in agriculture and natural resources, including live meetings, one-on-one consultations, and webinars.

JOIN US

• Become a county extension council member and join us to solve today’s problems and prepare for the future.

• Be part of a 99-county campus, connecting the needs of Iowans with Iowa State University research and resources.

• Increase your leadership and networking opportunities through new relationships that benefit your county.

AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL:

• You represent Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and act on our behalf locally.

• You represent your county – you bring an understanding of local issues to important decisions about educational opportunities.

• You bring significant programs to your county and region that help people solve critical issues affecting their lives.

• You have the responsibility to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars.

• You may provide supervision and leadership for county paid staff.

• You agree to fulfill the responsibilities of the position, including regularly attending county extension council meetings.

HOW DO YOU BEGIN?

• As a qualified voter in the extension district (county), you are eligible to be a candidate for county extension council.

• Contact your county extension or county auditor’s office for candidate petition papers.

• Get dates, deadlines, and other details from your county extension office, your county auditor (commissioner of elections), or at www.extension.iastate.edu/countyservices