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University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension

Program Focus

With our mission of "Putting Knowledge to Work," we in University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension specialize in developing and delivering educational programs that impact individuals; their families; their farms, ranches and businesses; and their communities.

We rely on a statewide presence that places our programs in every county in Nebraska. And new technology allows us to link Nebraskans from every part of the state to the University in exciting ways.

Today's Extension — and the Extension of tomorrow — relies increasingly on partnerships. We are a part of — and partners with — Nebraska's communities in making certain Nebraskans' needs are served. We strive to commit the resources to meet those needs. It is through these partnerships that we are able to reach thousands of Nebraskans every year with research-based educational programs and information.

Extension exemplifies the engaged university through our commitment to be relevant and responsive to Nebraskans. Relevant because the best information in the world is of little use if it doesn't apply to people's real life

concerns and needs. And responsive because those concerns and needs are ever-changing.

That means that our programs, too, must be ever-changing as Extension listens and responds to issues as they evolve.

Our research-based information helps people make more informed decisions on issues that affect their economic, environmental and social well being. Programmatic themes include agriculture profitability, food safety and health, youth and families, natural resources and the environment, and community development.

And, as the front door to the University of Nebraska, we in Extension help Nebraskans make connections with their University in a variety of ways.

That's engagement.

That's Cooperative Extension.

If you would like more information about University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension and the impact of our programs visit our homepage at the following web location:

<http://www.ianr.unl.edu/ianr/coopext/coopext.htm>

Elbert C. Dickey

Interim Dean and Director

Mission

The mission of Cooperative Extension is to help Nebraskans enhance their lives through research-based education. Our slogan is "Putting Knowledge to Work." Cooperative Extension serves Nebraskans in rural and urban settings, providing educational programs in every county of the state.

University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension has been part of this state's history for over 80 years and has met many of the

educational needs expressed throughout the state. In 1914 the Smith-Lever Act established Cooperative Extension as an outreach program of the land-grant college system. In 1915, the Nebraska Legislature authorized Cooperative Extension work to be carried out within Nebraska's counties in cooperation with the University of Nebraska and the United States Department of Agriculture.



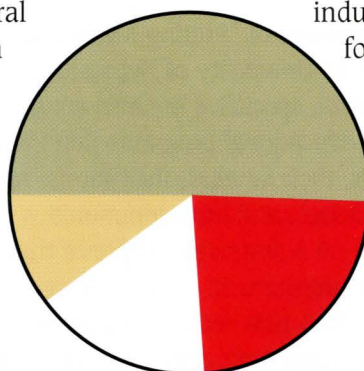
*Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources
University of Nebraska-Lincoln*



Partnership

Cooperative Extension work is carried out in accordance with provisions of the law and an interlocal agreement with Cooperative Extension and county commissioners/supervisors. The sources of funding for the Cooperative Extension Division, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln are shown on the pie chart. Federal funds are appropriated and distributed on a formula basis, as specified by federal law, or are distributed as earmarked funds to meet special needs of national concern. State general funds are appropriated by the Legislature as a part of the University

of Nebraska budget. Local tax funds are appropriated by County Boards of Supervisors/Commissioners for use by the local Extension Board according to Nebraska statutes. Grants/Contracts/Fees include grants and contracts from business, industry, and other agencies and foundations as well as cost recovery fees charged for some educational programs.



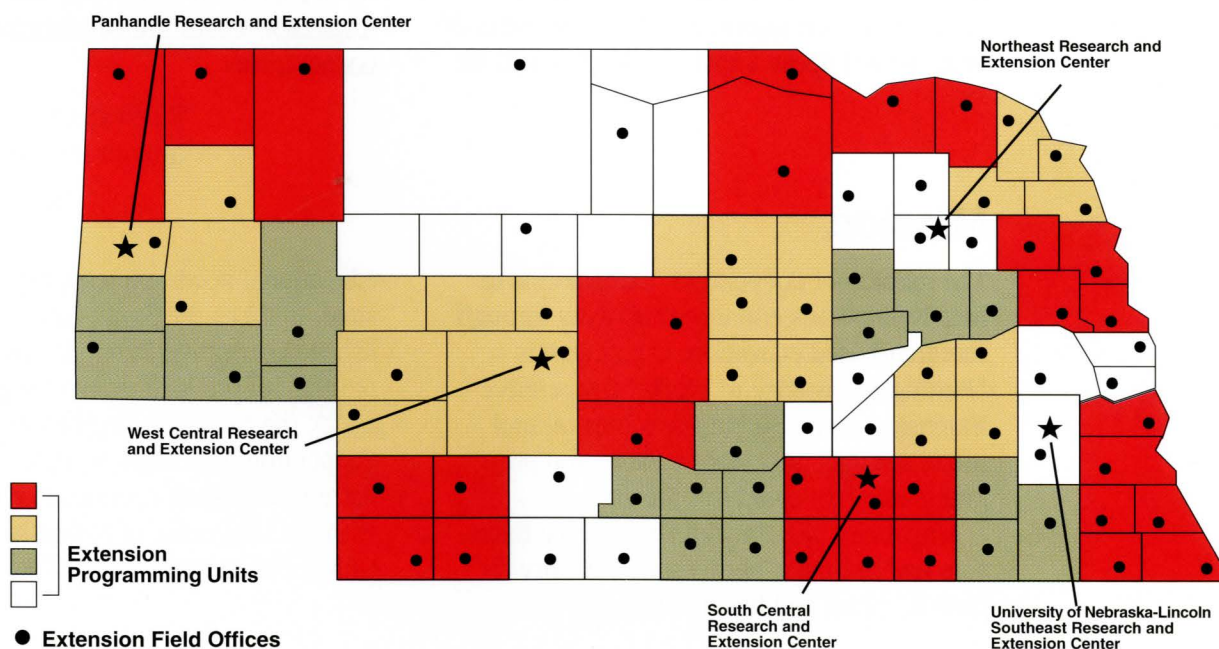
State Funds (51%)
Grants/Contracts Fees (22%)
County Funds (16%)
Federal Funds (11%)

Structure

Cooperative Extension faculty are located on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) East Campus; at Research and Extension Centers located at Clay Center, Norfolk, Lincoln, North Platte and Scottsbluff; at Learning Centers located at Scottsbluff, Grand Island, Norfolk and North Platte; and at 83 county or multi-county offices throughout the state. In addition to faculty and staff, volunteers are important to the delivery of Cooperative Extension programs. Approximately 38,500 volunteers annually contribute an estimated value of \$39

million of in-kind program support.

There are 21 multi-county Extension Programming Units (EPUs) as shown below. The EPU system enables faculty to function as educators with greater focus on issues affecting Nebraskans. A number of EPUs have increased their programming and cost-effectiveness through restructuring staff arrangements. Some units have combined their funding operations and merged Extension Boards into one local decision-making body. Extension faculty and staff in the field are proactive in responding to critical clientele issues.



Issued in furtherance of Cooperative Extension work, Acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Elbert C. Dickey, Interim Director of Cooperative Extension, University of Nebraska, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension educational programs abide with the non-discrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.