Ohio State University Extension focuses on the following impact areas.

Health and Wellness
OSU Extension offers nationally recognized programs that help people make healthy choices and catalyze the creation of healthy homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.

Job Skills and Careers
OSU Extension programs not only help individuals acquire the skills needed in their current jobs, but they also help people learn the skills necessary for future positions.

Thriving Across the Life Span
From infancy to later life, OSU Extension is committed to helping individuals flourish within families and the various social structures in which they live. Perhaps most notably, Ohio 4-H uses a youth development approach to help young people develop characteristics that build a foundation for a positive adulthood.

Sustainable Food Systems
A sustainable food system benefits producers, protects the environment and feeds a growing world population. OSU Extension brings science-based information to the process of making decisions about food and the way it is produced, processed, distributed, stored, prepared, and consumed.

Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities
Mobilizing people in ways that produce shared benefits is a key to creating vibrant communities. OSU Extension helps community residents gain the knowledge and skills they need to engage in meaningful dialogue focused on positive change and collective impact that meets local needs.

Environmental Quality
OSU Extension programs help people make informed choices and lead local efforts aimed at maintaining or improving environmental quality for future generations.
Fiscal Year 2016 FINANCIAL DATA

OSU Extension Spending

Program Delivery . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $48.6M . . . . . . 71%
Support* . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $10.6M . . . . . . 15%
Extension Specialists . . . . . . . . . . $9.7M . . . . . . 14%
TOTAL . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $68.9M . . . . . . 100%

*Includes leadership, regional offices, IT, HR, fiscal, etc.

OSU Extension Funding

State Line Item . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $24.2M . . . . . . 35%
County Appropriations . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $15.7M . . . . . . 23%
Federal Base Funds . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $11.2M . . . . . . 16%
Grants* . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $9.1M . . . . . . 13%
Gifts . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $2.8M . . . . . . 4%
Other** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $5.5M . . . . . . 9%
TOTAL . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $68.9M . . . . . . 100%

*Grant funding includes a significant increase in SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education) funds allocated to the state of Ohio via the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. OSU Extension implements SNAP-Ed for the state of Ohio.

**Contracts, fees, sales, sponsorships, etc.
Phosphorus that leaves farm fields can potentially cause harmful algae blooms in Ohio’s waters, including Lake Erie. To help reduce phosphorus runoff, Extension has trained 12,600 farmers representing more than 2.3 million acres of farmland to properly apply manure and fertilizer to their fields.

The Smoothie Bike is helping the Ohio 4-H Healthy Living program spread the word that young people can make healthy and fit choices, and that they can advocate for healthy change in their families and across their communities.

Giant miscanthus grows on marginal land, is a perennial plant, and can be turned into compostable food containers and absorbents to soak up oil spills. Extension is helping farmers learn about this new, earth-friendly crop. There are now two new miscanthus-manufacturing plants that employ 50 people.

More: [nutrienteducation.osu.edu](http://nutrienteducation.osu.edu)
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Growing Brutus isn’t the best way to make money in agriculture, but this “corny” version of Ohio State’s mascot demonstrates how farmers can plant different hybrids at different seeding rates — depending on such things as soil productivity — in order to maximize yields and generate high returns.

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Invasive Palmer amaranth is also called “pigweed on steroids.” It can grow 3 inches daily and can release nearly one-half million seeds per plant. Worse, it has become resistant to glyphosate herbicides and, in the South, it has smothered entire fields of cotton and soybeans. It’s now found in 13 Ohio counties, up from one county in 2012, and Ohio State weed scientists are working diligently to stop its spread.
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More: go.osu.edu/shuman2016

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The program teaches 4-H members how to prepare pets for visits to senior facilities, and how to prepare themselves with compassion, respect and appreciation for their elders.

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More: pested.osu.edu

Extension’s new Ohio Master Urban Farmer program has trained 180 Columbus and Toledo residents to grow crops and vegetables within city limits. The program is expanding to include Dayton and Youngstown, and a similar program is already offered in Cleveland.

More: go.osu.edu/urbanagfranklin

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COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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A 4-H SUCCESS STORY

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