

Organizational Description

Iowa State University (ISU) Extension serves as the outreach arm of the state's land-grant institution. Since 1903, ISU Extension has led the university in its formal engagement mission to Iowans. With a budget of more than \$80 million from all sources, ISU Extension operates in partnership with County Agricultural Extension Districts and the United States Department of Agricultural to carry out the Cooperative Extension mission in the State of Iowa. ISU Extension builds partnerships and provides research-based learning opportunities to improve the quality of life in Iowa. With a presence in Iowa's 99 counties, ISU continues to engage the people of Iowa with education and information through six program areas.

Agriculture and Natural Resources. ISU Extension provides research-based information and education to agricultural producers, landowners, and agribusiness personnel to enhance the value of Iowa's agricultural industry, increase rural vitality, and protect the state's natural resources.

Business and Industry. ISU Extension links Iowa businesses and manufacturers with ISU specialists and research, community resources, training, assessment, and technical assistance for increased productivity and competitiveness.

Communities. ISU Extension helps organizations and local governments develop and build their capacity to make Iowa communities better places to live and work.

Families. ISU Extension offers education for families, professionals, and volunteers to build healthy family environments through meaningful behavior change.

4-H Youth Development. ISU Extension offers hands-on learning and science-based programs to help youth gain skills, confidence, and positive self-esteem so they can become successful, caring adults.

Continuing Education and Communication Services (CECS). CECS leverages resources and adds value to the programs and related materials needed by lifelong learners. CECS leads the development and delivery of ISU credit and noncredit courses, institutes, seminars, conferences, workshops, and ISU Extension program materials to learners around the world.

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