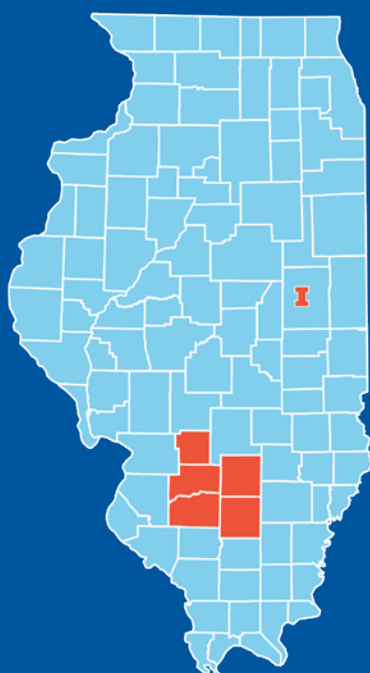






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## A Message from the Chancellor

The University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign is an economic engine and a driver of innovation, deeply rooted in the Illinois prairie and engaged statewide, from Cook County to Cairo. Illinois Extension brings the University to your doorstep. Extension educators live and work alongside you in every county, allowing the university to support local leaders, businesses, farmers, and residents to address grand challenges and everyday problems with practical, research-based solutions. As a youth, my own 4-H experience inspired a rewarding career in agricultural research and higher education. Today, it's an honor to lead this great public university and deepen its commitment to serve the people of Illinois.

Robert J. Jones  
Chancellor, University of Illinois



## A Message from the County Director

Thank you for your support of University of Illinois Extension!

Extension staff and volunteers work in partnership with communities, families, businesses, youth, producers, agency personnel, schools and others to deliver on our mission. Our goal is to provide relevant and reliable educational information, teach new research and technology, inspire new ideas of opportunity, expand healthy food access, advance workforce preparedness, boost environmental stewardship, and strengthen leadership and community service.

Success has been measured by pounds of produce grown in the community gardens and donated to local food pantries; producers implementing new production and management knowledge; 4-H members learning positive life skills; 4-H Teen Teachers guiding the next generation; students learning the importance of healthy food choices; and communities achieving goals to generate creative marketing and increase tourism.

Please take time to browse this Impact Report and learn about the exciting educational projects taking place in your local communities. You are also invited to visit our website for more detailed program information and follow us on social media to learn about events and activities.

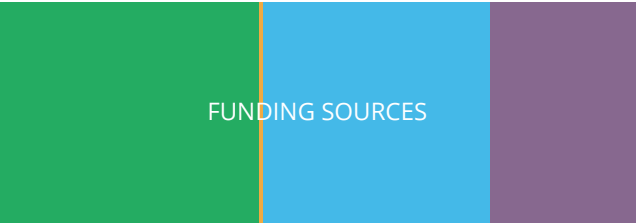
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Thank you!

Pamela Jacobs  
Interim County Extension Director



## Financial Report



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36%	Local Funds	
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- Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, and Washington Counties Extension Council
- Bond County Association for Home and Community Education
- Bond County Board
- Bond County Farm Bureau
- Clinton County Association for Home and Community Education
- Clinton County Board
- Jefferson County 4-H Foundation
- Jefferson County Association for Home and Community Education
- Jefferson County Board
- Marion County 4-H Federation
- Marion County Association for Home and Community Education
- Marion County Board
- Washington County 4-H Federation
- Washington County Association for Home and Community Education
- Washington County Board
- Washington County Extension Education Foundation

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1,200+  
News Releases  
Published



644,074  
Website Reach





## ACES Dean Visits Local Counties

University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Dean Kimberlee Kidwell was on a mission to visit all the Illinois Extension units across the state in 2018. Her goal was to learn more about Extension, its relationship with the College of ACES, and the local communities that Extension serves. On March 21, Dean Kidwell and Kimberly Meenan, Assistant Dean of Advancement for the College of ACES, toured the local Illinois Extension unit.

The day began at the Mt. Vernon Community Garden, which is a collaborative project between Extension staff, Jefferson County Master Gardeners, Mt. Vernon City Council, community members, and volunteers. Councilman Donte Moore credited Extension staff with taking the garden idea and making it a reality for the local residents. "Everyone is working together. We never would have been able to do it without Extension," Moore explained. According to Dean Kidwell, "This is a beautiful example of the community being aware of what Extension can do."



The visit included a trip to the Wiedle Farm, land donated from the Cecilia and Herman Wiedle Estate to Clinton County Extension Foundation to support local educational programming. Wiedle family representatives, Jan and Rich Rittenhouse, along with Tim and Larry Hanke who farm the land, Rob Gerstenecher, Clinton Co. Foundation member, and Angie Barnard, executive director of Illinois 4-H Foundation, described this wonderful tribute to the foundation.



During time spent with 4-H youth, Marcus Jones from Odin High School shared, "I found my passion for hydroponics through 4-H." His involvement in the 4-H hydroponics program through agriculture classes has inspired him to pursue a career in horticulture.

At Germantown Elementary School, Ashley Hoffman, SNAP-Ed educator, showcased the Smarter Lunchroom program, which encourages students to make healthy food choices and reduce food waste. Food Service Director Anita Schomaker thanked Hoffman for being instrumental in helping establish a cafeteria salad bar. "Fewer students and teachers are bringing their lunch. Instead we are serving them through a healthy choice salad bar." The salad bar has been a hit with students and their parents.

Trinity Lutheran School of Hoyleton students demonstrated the robot they had built and programmed. The robotics program began as a 4-H after-school group and grew to be a part of the science curriculum. Steve Kasten, instructor, explained, "It isn't just that they learn to build and program the robots. They are learning to follow the directions and complete something start to finish."

Craig and Tricia Finke, fifth-generation dairy producers, provided an educational tour of their milking production system located north of Nashville. One of the first automated systems in the nation, it utilizes robotic milking machines, feeding system and an alleyway flushing system for manure removal. Finke explained that these automated systems allow him to focus on managing the cows rather than physically taking care of the cows.



## Local Government Educational Opportunities

Each year, elected and appointed local government officials and administrators from across the state improve their knowledge and skills through professional development opportunities provided by University of Illinois Extension. Pamela Schallhorn, community and economic development educator, works with statewide colleagues to plan and market these monthly webinars.

Over the past year, the webinars have reached more than 1,500 participants through live and recorded sessions. Topics included "The Opioid Crisis," "State and Federal Legislative Updates," "Disaster Preparedness," and "Strategies for Attracting and Retaining Youth in Rural Communities," which Schallhorn presented.

In addition, three county officials and employees from Bond County and one from Washington County were selected to join a group of government officials from across Illinois to participate in the 2018 Leadership Academy. It was developed by Illinois Extension in partnership with United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) to provide leadership training on issues important to elected and appointed county officials. Over the course of five interactive sessions, the academy covered topics including fiscal management, leadership in crisis situations, data-driven decision-making, managing economic development, change management, managing conflict, and parliamentary procedure.



Illinois State Treasurer Mike Frerichs addresses the UCCI/UI Extension Leadership Academy in June 2018. Four local county officials/employees were selected to join a group of government officials from throughout Illinois to participate in the 2018 Leadership Academy.

The mission of University of Illinois Extension Community and Economic Development is to help communities build capacity for creative and informed decision-making to enhance quality of life.

## Strengthening Community Partnerships

Strong partnerships with community leaders, local government officials, and economic development professionals are key to good Extension work in Illinois. Community and Economic Development Educator Pamela Schallhorn's role in these partnerships is to facilitate outreach, networking, and collaboration. Her projects and coordination efforts have both short- and long-term impact.

Schallhorn teamed up with specialists from USDA Rural Development and the City of Mt. Vernon to present the Welcome Home program at Mt. Vernon City Hall in April. Their goal for the program is to give away more than 100 in-fill lots around Mt. Vernon. The USDA shared information on Direct and Indirect Loan programs to assist people at a variety of income levels with buying a manufactured or modular home or building a site-built home on the lots. Schallhorn offered advice on getting pre-qualified, repairing a credit score, selecting a lot, selecting a home and how to build equity in the home over time through good maintenance routines.

Councilman Donte Moore was available to answer questions. Local lenders were on hand to talk about how they can help, as well. The program was designed to help minorities currently living on the south side of Mt. Vernon, as well as residents from all over the city. Minorities made up 44% of participants.



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## Annie's Project New Program Pilot

Clinton County was one of two Illinois sites selected to pilot Annie's Project: Know Your Numbers, Know Your Options. Annie's Project is an educational program dedicated to strengthening women's roles in modern farm and ranch enterprises.

Know Your Numbers, Know Your Options is the newest of three Annie's Project programs available. It is focused on navigating farm records, understanding the entry process, and interpreting the information to make decisions on declining revenue streams. Extension Educator Laurie George is the Annie's Project state coordinator.

I feel the most important thing I learned in your course was to apply the ratios to our own personal balance sheets and viewed the green, yellow and red guidelines to see how it applied to our farm.  
ANNIE'S PROJECT PARTICIPANT

Participants interacted with statewide presenters and local facilitators. The four-class series covered balance sheet construction, handling cash flow, and generating accurate income statements from two different software packages popular among Illinois farmers: Quickbooks and PcMars. In addition to financial documents, the group discussed reviewing cash rent and negotiating fair rental rates.



Clinton County participants in the Know Your Numbers, Know Your Options pilot included (front l to r) Jill Vonder Harr, Laura Wilcox, Lisa Helmink, (back l to r) Krista Barger, Kimberly Wolter, and Jenny Litteken.



At Commercial Tree Fruit Schools, growers learned from educators and had an opportunity to meet with vendors.

## Commercial Tree Fruit School

The Commercial Tree Fruit Schools are presented at two locations in Southwestern and Southern Illinois every spring. They provide research-based educational material to meet the production challenges of commercial tree fruit growers.

Topics included insect and disease identification and control measures, orchard establishment and maintenance, and good pruning techniques. This education enables growers to make better decisions on the economic challenges they face, as well as maintain sustainable production practices. Participants were given a current copy of the Midwest Fruit Pest Management Guide which assists growers in making better environmental decisions when using pesticides on the farm.

Almost 100 local growers participated in the program over the course of two days. More than half stated they learned the most from the dicamba updates and insect/disease management updates for apples.

I hope to apply what I've learned to an overgrown and neglected orchard and hopefully see some progress in the fruit over the years.  
COMMERCIAL TREE FRUIT SCHOOL PARTICIPANT



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## Master Gardener & Master Naturalist Volunteers

Master Gardener and Master Naturalist programs are a perfect fit for individuals with a love of gardening or nature who have an interest in helping their community. They share their knowledge at school programs, garden shows, in newspaper columns, and at farmers markets. They also volunteer for prairie restoration, species monitoring, sorting and recycling, and as community garden managers.

There are 75 Master Gardeners and 43 Master Naturalists currently serving Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion and Washington Counties.



108  
Volunteers



4,000+  
Volunteer Hours



6,500+  
Direct Contacts



100+  
Projects & Programs



\$98,760  
Value to Communities



Earth Day, Conservation Days, and Arbor Day are popular educational opportunities for local schools. Students from Lincoln School in Marion County, are pictured planting a tree in honor of Arbor Day.



Gardening and Natural Resource enthusiasts packed the room for Spring Fling. The day-long educational and networking program marks the start of spring each year.

## Spring Fling

Master Gardener and Master Naturalist volunteers from Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion and Washington counties come together each year to plan and host a day-long educational event. Spring Fling kicks off the gardening season. Four expert speakers in home horticulture and natural resources headline the event.

Hot topics included daffodils, edible gardens, plants and trees, and native plants. The day is designed to allow attendees time to speak with the experts on each topic and to ask questions that pertain to their own unique grower situation. In addition, Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners provide educational displays on their different volunteer projects or fields of expertise.

Evaluations from the day indicated that many attendees plan to share the information they learned with family or friends. They also expressed that the program had given them tools to make smarter choices when selecting plant materials in the future.

Spring Fling draws attendees from across the unit. It serves as a great opportunity for those who are passionate about horticulture or natural resources to meet the local Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists in person. It has become a useful recruiting tool for the Master Gardener and Master Naturalist training programs.



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## Simple Room Garden

*The Simple Room is a community center in Greenville. Close to 70 students, attend regularly. A large percentage of the students come from low-income families.*

Master Gardener volunteers teach the students to grow produce in a garden there. Regular donations are made to the local food pantry on harvest days. Students enjoyed growing a wide range of vegetables. The small garden produced over 500 pounds of vegetables last summer.



## Beginner Gardening Series

Educator Laurie George presented beginning gardening topics at the Rolland Lewis Building near Mt. Vernon Community Garden. During the third session, a couple who had been attending asked to sign up for a community garden bed. The couple planned to grow vegetables at the garden and donate any extra to the local food pantries. More gardeners are using the education that they receive in the classes in their own gardens to benefit their families and the community.

## Garden at Centralia Youth Center

*Ready, Set, Grow, a garden project at the Centralia Youth Center, was a collaboration of programming between 4-H, Master Gardeners and Illinois Nutrition Education Programs. Master Gardeners and youth participants built four raised garden beds. The children at the Youth Center designed the garden and participated in the tasks of planting seeds, maintaining the gardens, and harvesting produce. They donated the produce to the local food pantry. 4-H staff later met with the participants for lessons on popular 4-H projects like visual arts, horticulture, and public speaking. SNAP-Ed staff even hosted a cooking school at the Youth Center over the summer.*



## Straw Bale Gardening

*Straw Bale Gardens have become a popular alternative to larger gardens for those who want to garden but don't have much extra space available.*

Marion County Housing Authority and Master Gardeners partner on a straw bale garden project. The gardens were designed as a community garden site located at the Glenwood and Odin units. The project helps reduce food insecurity by having fresh vegetables available for the local residents.





## Hummingbird Banding

*The Hummingbird Festival was held in mid-July, where participants could “adopt” birds that were banded and registered.*

Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, and program staff help catch the birds, tag and register them, and collect sugar for the hummingbirds. When a banded bird is caught and checked, the person who adopted the bird will receive a letter with details on when and where. It is a unique opportunity to learn about hummingbird migration.



## Invasive Species Control

*Local volunteers work to improve Chipmunk Trail at Carlyle Lake in Clinton County.*

Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners come together for this ongoing project with the Corps of Engineers. Chipmunk Hiking Trail offers visitors a short hike with a variety of terrain along the edge of the lake. Volunteers are working to improve the condition of the trail and to remove invasive species. They have also made efforts to label some of the native species along the trail for public education.

## Conservation Tours and Earth Day

*Natural Resource Tours, Conservation Days and Earth Day Celebrations are a popular way for area schools to get involved in education on natural resources and the environment.*

Extension Staff, along with Master Gardener and Master Naturalist volunteers, brought outdoor nature lessons to more than 1,200 youth across the unit. The format varies from event to event, but the goal is the same: get students outside and foster an appreciation for nature. Ag and natural resources staff partner with local agencies such as Ag in the Classroom, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



## Nature Camps

*Illinois Extension collaborated with Carlyle Recreation Department to provide educational activities for a summer nature camp.*

Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists, along with Extension staff, facilitated four day-camps for more than 30 youth. Some favorite activities were making paper using junk mail, making rain sticks, learning about mammals by studying their skulls and pelts, and a daily nature walk.



## Serving Youth in Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, and Washington Counties

Wherever you live, 4-H is there. Whoever you are, 4-H is the place where you belong and are part of the club, where you serve in the world where you live, where you act on matters important to you, and where you learn to accomplish the dreams you strive to achieve. Illinois 4-H empowers and prepares youth for success — for today, tomorrow, and a lifetime.

## Program Reach



**8,238**  
4-H Participants



**614**  
Adult Volunteers



**1,038**  
4-H Club Members



**353**  
First Year Members

### RACE

- 94 % Caucasian
- 3 % African American
- 3 % Asian, American Indian, Pacific Islander, 2 or more races, or unknown

- 95 % Non Hispanic
- 5 % Hispanic

### ETHNICITY



- 12 % Farm
- 78 % Small Town under 10,000
- 10 % Town 10,000 to 50,000

## 4-H Program Participation

County	Youth Age 5-18	% Reach
<b>BOND COUNTY</b>		
Population	2,858	-
4-H Club Members	200	7%
All Youth Programs	280	10%
<b>CLINTON COUNTY</b>		
Population	6,524	-
4-H Club Members	247	4%
All Youth Programs	1,843	28%
<b>JEFFERSON COUNTY</b>		
Population	6,467	-
4-H Club Members	173	3%
All Youth Programs	734	11%
<b>MARION COUNTY</b>		
Population	6,855	-
4-H Club Members	243	4%
All Youth Programs	1,440	21%
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>		
Population	2,524	-
4-H Club Members	175	7%
All Youth Programs	636	25%

In 2018, 1,038 youth were involved in 4-H clubs across Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion and Washington counties. This was an increase from 960 the previous year. Special Interest (SPIN) Clubs continued to grow in 2018. There were two new SPIN Clubs formed, bringing the total up to 29. In overall youth programs, the youth team had a goal to reach 15% of the youth population in each county. They exceeded that goal in three of the five counties.



**34** Community Clubs  
**4** Cloverbud Clubs  
**14** SPIN Clubs  
**1** STEM Club



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## Unit-Wide Youth Events

The 4-H youth development staff and volunteers have worked together to offer a variety of educational opportunities for youth from throughout the unit counties.

The Public Speaking Contest was held at Kaskaskia College providing for a larger audience and the opportunity for contestants to interact with the college's communication professors.

The 4-H Horse Show was a combination of several counties which offered more classes, allowing youth to demonstrate their skills and to learn from each other.



The Illini Fighting Hunger food packaging event was successfully held twice to help combat food insecurity in areas identified as food deserts, or an area that lacks access to affordable and healthy food items. Between the two sessions, approximately 200 youth and adult volunteers packaged more than 20,000 meals. These protein-rich meals, along with cookbooks with simple recipe ideas, were distributed to local food pantries throughout the counties.



The unit was proud to host the first multi-county archery contest, with 33 participants. The day was planned by shooting sports volunteers to simulate the experience of the State 4-H Archery Shoot.

The Brouhaha was a new leadership retreat for 21 middle school-age youth. They participated in team building activities at American Obstacle designed to encourage bonding with new friends while building trust and confidence. Leadership skills emerged as they were thinking and talking through solutions for team-building activities.

Teen Teachers received training from the State 4-H specialist, and then took the lead to teach elementary youth in Mt. Vernon schools the importance of healthy living behaviors through the Health Rocks curriculum.

My son was inspired by all the talented members he was able to shoot alongside. He can't wait for next year.  
ARCHERY PARENT AT THE UNIT SHOOTING MATCH



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## Helping Communities Through Mobile Markets

The 4-H Hunger Ambassadors, along with Nashville FFA, offer a mobile market each month in Nashville through St. Louis Area Foodbank. The market is also supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation, Washington County Farm Bureau, and Washington County Fair Board. A new mobile market also started in Centralia through Central Illinois Foodbank. 4-H Hunger Ambassadors from local schools work to help sort and distribute the food to area residents at the mobile market each month.

## Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Programs

*Youth are actively engaging in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) projects through a variety of robotics and computer programming activities. Through these programs, youth are learning problem solving, designing and testing solutions, teamwork and much more.* Washington County held their first 4-H robotics exhibition with 16 participants discussing their project through conference judging and showcasing their projects at an all-school assembly.

Jefferson County King Clover robotics club won 5th place at the First Lego League contest at the Illinois FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Tech Challenge robotics sponsored by Southern Illinois University.

Marion and Clinton County students participated in the National Youth Science Code Your World Challenge. Five youth teachers taught 125 students to design and build an executable computer program to create a video game. A student expressed, "I love coding and can't wait to join the 4-H Robotics team."



## Shining at 4-H Shows

*In 2018, more than 600 youth exhibited 2,715 projects across the unit. Of those, 376 members exhibited general projects and almost 350 members exhibited animal projects.*

There were 1,044 general projects exhibited and more than 1,200 individual livestock entries at county 4-H shows. There were 166 4-H members who served as State Fair Delegates for general projects at the Illinois State Fair and 52 who exhibited animal projects at the State Junior Shows.





## SNAP-Ed and Smarter Lunchrooms

Students at Irvington Grade School have received direct nutrition education through Illinois Extension SNAP-Education (SNAP-Ed). Students learned about health and nutrition from the OrganWise Guys curriculum that Community Worker Dan Spangler leads. The food service director was interested to implement Smarter Lunchroom strategies in the school lunchroom after participating in professional development trainings provided by SNAP-Ed Educator Ashley Hoffman. Colorful posters of the fruits and vegetables have been hung on the lunchroom walls. Ashley dressed as a strawberry, and Dan dressed as a carrot for the students to enjoy a creative presentation on healthy snacks.

The food service director continues to implement Smarter Lunchroom strategies by adding more vegetables, such as cucumbers and tomatoes, to the lettuce salads. One student, who had learned about fruits and vegetables from "Mr. Dan," asked if he could have these vegetables on his salad every day.



## Programs Reach All Ages

Three generations of a Jefferson County family are benefiting from programming provided by Illinois Nutrition Education Programs. A mother and grandmother participated in an Eating Smart, Being Active class in Jefferson County. The mother enrolled her daughter in the Illinois Junior Chef cooking school after finding out about it at the Eating Smart, Being Active class. "My daughter really enjoyed the class. We have been using the cookbook from the kids cooking school to make family meals. We are trying new recipes and new foods. So far, our favorite has been the Layered Bean Dip. I am looking forward to making more of the recipes."



## SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EDUCATION (SNAP-EDUCATION)

SNAP-Education staff works with Illinois families in need to make the healthier choice an easier choice where they eat, shop, live, play, and learn. Through classes and workshops, and by collaborating with community partners to adopt research-based solutions to encourage healthier nutrition and activity choices, SNAP-Education positively impacts the families and communities we serve.

### Serving Local Families



8,525

Total SNAP-Education Participants



28%  
Adults

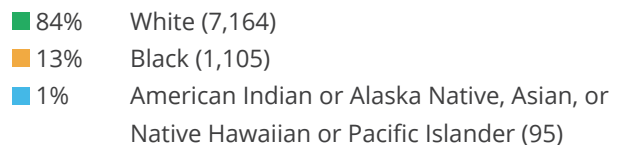


72%  
Youth



1.9% Identified as Hispanic  
70.9% Identified as Non-Hispanic  
27.2% Unknown

### RACE OF PARTICIPANTS



### Our Community Partners



28  
K-12 Schools



9  
Youth Centers



17  
Early Childhood Centers



21  
Community Centers



8  
Food Pantries and Food Banks



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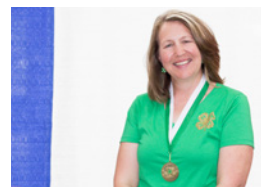
Illinois Extension's programs are aimed at making life better, healthier, safer and more prosperous for individuals and their communities. The unit is comprised of Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion and Washington counties for a total of 2,560 square miles, with an average of 58 persons per square mile. Average household income is \$51,584, but ranges from approximately \$43K to \$64K.

The unit has four educators: Local Food Systems and Small Farms, Community and Economic Development, Supplemental Assistance Nutrition Program Education (SNAP-Ed), and Youth Development.

Collaborative projects such as donation and community gardens, meal packaging events, mobile food markets, and nutrition education outreach are all ways the unit is making a difference in the lives of our community members and neighbors.

While most Extension programs are offered on an informational, non-credit basis, Illinois Extension does offer continuing education credits in some fields of study. Extension programs may be offered as hands-on workshops, field days, self-paced tutorials via the Internet, or in other formats that are suitable for the audience and subject matter.





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To enable people to improve their lives and communities through learning partnerships that put knowledge to work.

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