

Learning for Life- UGA Cooperative Extension
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In 1914, Congress established the Cooperative Extension Service to deliver information from land-grant colleges and universities to all Americans, particularly those who lacked access to formal education.

Although agriculture and society have changed dramatically during the past 90 years, the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension continues to fulfill its basic mission.

The mission of UGA Cooperative Extension is to extend lifelong learning to the people of Georgia through unbiased, research-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth and families.

County Extension agents keep farmers abreast of the latest agricultural technology, research and marketing strategies. Some agents help parents cope with the pressures of balancing home, work and children; others help keep families healthy with information on nutrition and food safety.

Through the cooperative funding of federal, state and county governments, Extension agents are in almost every county in Georgia.

Most counties have a combination of agents who specialize in agriculture and natural resources, youth development and family and consumer sciences. Agents complete specialized training to help them meet the needs of the communities they serve. Some specialize in horticulture; others, in row crop or livestock production. Some agents work to help families deal with rural development issues or raise healthy children in urban settings.

If you'd like to learn about building a safer environment for your children or protecting the environment we all share, avoiding chronic diseases like diabetes with healthy food or training food handlers in your cafeteria, the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension is the place to start.

Just call 1-800-ASK-UGA1 (275-8421) from anywhere in Georgia. You'll be automatically connected to the UGA Extension office in that county.