

## **EXTENSION: THE LINK BETWEEN CAMPUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

Colorado State University Extension programs and educational materials help the citizens of Colorado make decisions about everyday problems. Whether the subject involves consumer or family issues, agriculture and natural resource management, or youth development, Extension is local—with offices serving 62 of the Colorado's 64 counties; providing trusted information that is reviewed by experts. Funding as well as decisions on program priorities comes from local counties, state government and USDA.

The Morrill Act of 1862 established the original land grant colleges with a focus on the practical subjects (at that time) of agriculture, engineering and home economics. It also included traditional academic programs and military training. Subsequent legislation added the Agricultural Experiment Station (1887), the Cooperative Extension Service (1914), historically black colleges (1890), and tribal colleges (1994).

### Vision:

Colorado State University Extension is the front door to Colorado State University providing the extensive knowledge, research capabilities and resources of this premier land-grant university to Coloradans from all walks of life. Extension is dedicated to serving current and future needs of Coloradans by providing educational information and programs that safeguard health, increase livelihood, and enhance well being.

### Values:

- We build the capacity of people and communities.
- We are accessible to all constituencies and honor diverse viewpoints.
- We are unbiased in knowledge shared.
- We foster an organizational culture that has open communication, high performance work and an engaged workforce
- We are oriented to the future through effective innovation, critically evaluating programming goals and focused on selected subject areas.
- We recognize the equal importance of university research, education and engagement.
- We are good stewards of public resources, increasing our efficiency and quality.

### Mission:

To provide information and education, and encourage the application of research-based knowledge in response to local, state and national issues affecting individuals, youth, families, agricultural enterprises and communities of Colorado.

Whether trying to manage family and business finances, looking for the most cost-efficient agricultural practices, working your way through the maze of new energy alternatives for sound information, or worried about food safety, the latest in research and techniques available from your local Extension office comes from Colorado State University's colleges of agriculture, applied human sciences, engineering, veterinary medicine and natural resources.