

Cooperative Extension

Cooperative Extension is a nationwide system for non-formal education. Established by Congress in 1914 to improve America's agriculture and strengthen families and communities, Cooperative Extension is a partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the state land grant universities, and county governments.

The mission of the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) is to serve California through the creation, development, and application of knowledge in agricultural, natural, and human resources. UCCE was established in Placer and Nevada Counties in 1917. We provide university-paid programs and professionals; our county partners provide support staff, office space, and equipment. Today, funding for our research and educational programs comes from county, state, and federal governments, as well as from competitive grants awarded to our county-based advisors.

Also known as the 4-H and Farm Advisor, UCCE Placer-Nevada serves as a local problem-solving center. We work to strengthen and ensure the sustainability of our land, our environment, and our local communities. We are catalysts, collaborators, educators, and researchers, living in the communities we serve.

In Placer and Nevada Counties, we continue to expand our ability to serve the needs of our community by providing unbiased, research-based information and training. New advisors in 4-H Youth Development, Forestry, Local Food Systems, Community Health and Nutrition, and Environmental Horticulture have expanded our ability to meet community needs. Our Livestock and Natural Resources and Horticulture and Small Farms programs continue to address local and regional needs, and collaborations with other UCCE advisors and specialists support rice production, wildfire resiliency, livestock health and welfare, orchard crop production, and weed management. Finally, our 4-H Youth Development and Master Gardener programs are facilitated by hundreds of community volunteers.

