

Education Everywhere for Everyone

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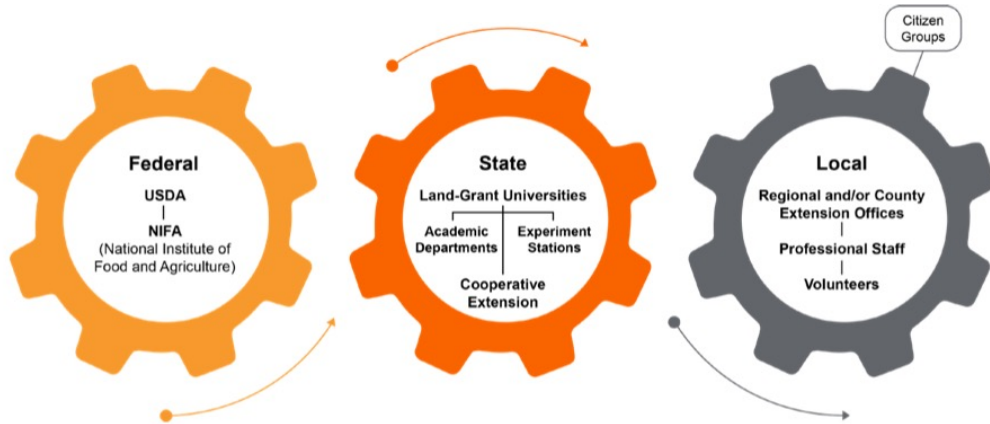
OSU is a Land-Grant University

- Morrill Act of 1862 created land-grant colleges
- Hatch Act of 1887 created Ag Experiment Stations in the land-grant system
- Morrill Act of 1890 created land-grant universities for African Americans
- **Oklahoma A&M was founded on Christmas Day, 1890**
- Smith-Lever Act of 1914 created the Cooperative Extension Service
- Morrill Act of 1994 created land-grant universities for Native Americans



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Cooperative Extension System



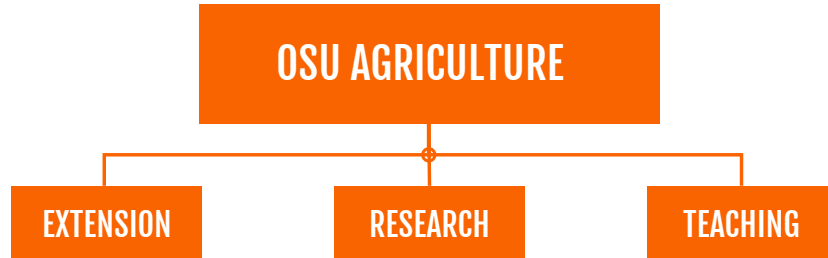
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OSU Extension & the Nationwide Network

- Extends the university to local communities with research-based educational programming through collaboration between specialists and educators
- More than 100 Extension systems nationwide
 - Staffing and budget models vary in different states
 - Internationally, few countries have an entity comparable to Extension
- In Oklahoma, Extension offices in every county respond to local needs

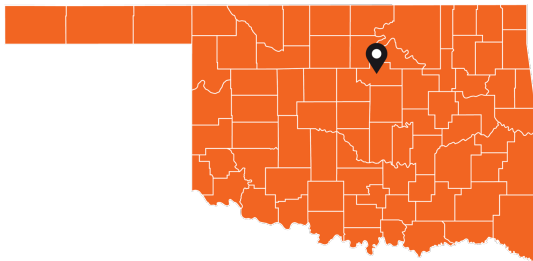
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OSU Agriculture's Model



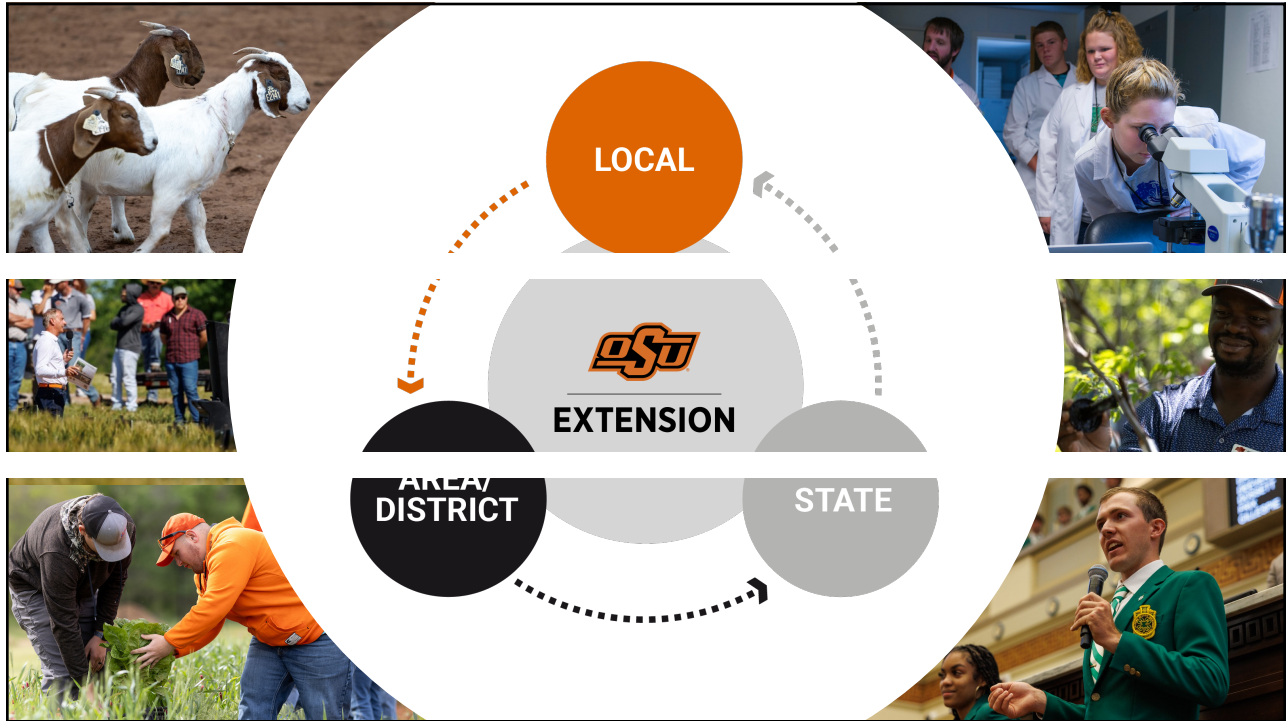
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Our Roots Run Deep

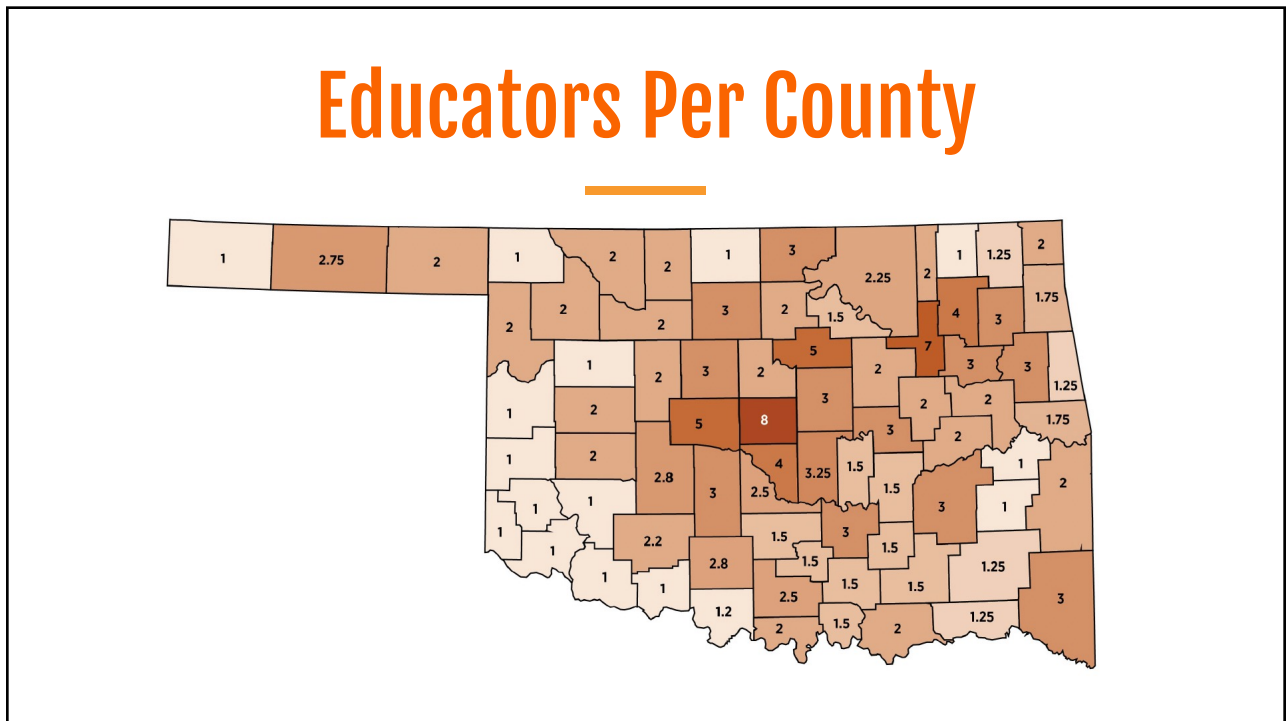


- OSU Extension helps Oklahomans solve local issues and provide resources to all 77 counties.

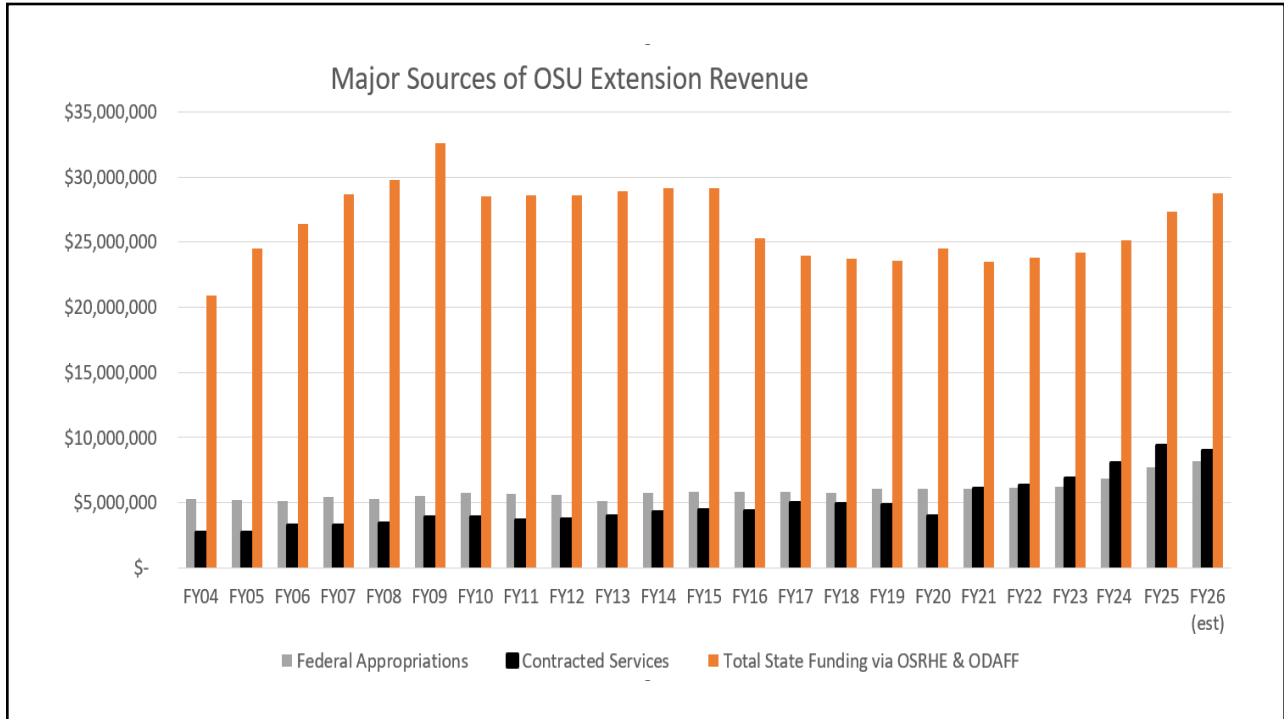
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Why Extension is Important

- Creating vibrant communities
- Empowering families
- Building leaders
- Innovating farms and ranches
- Economic development and entrepreneurship
- Youth development





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Extension Engagement

In-person

- Workshops
- Conferences
- Club activities
- Volunteering
- Visit county offices

Online

- Website:
extension.okstate.edu
- Educational videos
- Online courses
- Fact sheets
- Manuals

Media

- SUNUP
- Oklahoma Gardening
- Extension Experience podcast
- News articles and media advisories
- Social media
- Extension Bot

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Extension is Education Everywhere for Everyone

- 4-H Youth Development
- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Community Economic Development
- Community Health

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4-H Projects

Examples of 4-H programs for healthy living, STEM, civic engagement and sustainable agriculture:

- ATV safety
- Coding and robotics
- Health and nutrition
- Horticulture
- Leadership
- Livestock
- Shooting sports

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Agriculture & Natural Resources

Examples of agricultural programs for crops, livestock, horticulture and natural resources:

- Agribusiness
- Beginning farmers and ranchers
- Emergency and disaster preparedness
- Master Cattleman
- Master Gardener
- Plant disease and insect diagnostics
- Soil, water and forage testing

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Family & Consumer Sciences

Examples of FCS programs for health and hunger, family and child resilience, safety and environment and finance and job readiness:

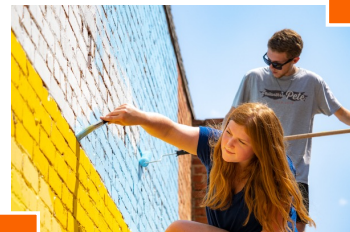
- Co-parenting for Resilience
- Poverty simulation
- Nutrition programs
- Diabetes education
- Community Nutrition Education Programs (youth and adult programs)
- Disaster preparedness

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Community Economic Development

Examples of programming:

- County government training programs
- Oklahoma Ag Leadership Program
- Broadband connectivity support
- Rural library hotspot lending program
- Solid waste management
- Rural scholars



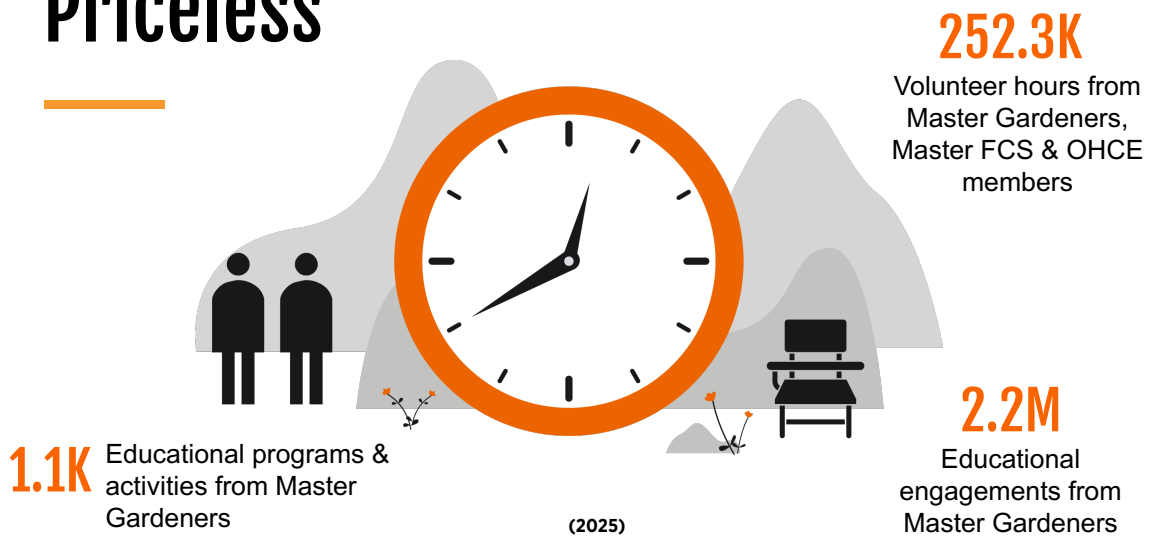
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Community Health

- Community asset mapping
- Identify high priority community health issues
- Community walkability assessments
- Safe Routes to Schools Programs
- Increased access to healthy, affordable foods

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Extension Volunteers are Priceless



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Statewide Needs Assessment

In a recent statewide needs assessment, **89%** of the OSU Extension network sample agree OSU Extension helped solve a problem and/or helped improve family, community or business quality of life

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Extension Focus

The recent statewide needs assessment revealed the top five areas for Extension to focus on in the next five years:

- Youth development
- Locally grown food
- Health and wellness
- Natural resources and environmental stewardship
- Disaster preparedness and recovery

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OSU Extension Careers

Begin a rewarding career in OSU Extension. Positions are available in Stillwater on the OSU campus and in county offices across the state.

Extension employees help communities thrive in:

- Leadership
- Entrepreneurship
- Food systems
- Family and health resources
- Access to critical services such as broadband

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OSU Extension Internship

- Eight- to-10-week paid internship available to college juniors, seniors and graduate students.
- Interns learn the duties and functions of a county Extension educator and are given one or more special projects to develop and administer.

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