

15 Ways UC Cooperative Extension is Working for You

Teaching Sustainability: We develop and share various approaches to achieve a healthier environment, a thriving agricultural economy, and a community driven by engaged youth and adults.

Spurring Economic Development: UC research helps Contra Costa growers be competitive and productive.

Patrolling for Aquatic Pests: We offer information and programs that prevent the spread of aquatic invasive pests, such as Eurasian mussels, that clog irrigation canals.

Improving Grades and Attendance: 4-H members are 1.6 times more likely to report better grades and 1.8 times more likely to expect to go to college than their peers.

Increasing Home Values: Master Gardeners provide home owners with water wise information that allows them to maintain valuable landscaping with little water.

Safe Guarding Homes From Wildfires: We teach homeowners 20 effective ways to prevent embers, the root cause of home loss during fires, from igniting their homes.

Promoting Food Safety: We teach families how to safely prepare and store food to prevent food borne illness.

Curtailing the Spread of New Pests: We provided leadership in the early detection and development of eradication, education, and management programs for Cherry Buckskin Disease, Vine Mealy Bug, Glassy Winged Sharpshooter, and Sudden Oak Death.

Accessing UC Expertise: Cooperative Extension collaborates with many UC researchers to help solve current environmental, agricultural or quality of life issues affecting Contra Costa residents.

Improving Health: UCCE nutrition educators provide evidence-based education to address the high rate of overweight and obesity in adults and children.

Reducing Pesticide Use: Our UCCE farm advisor informs farmers about the most effective ways to treat pests. Using scientifically tested treatments can save thousands of dollars and reduce pesticides in the environment.

Volunteering Community Service: Youth in 4-H are 3 times more likely to contribute to their communities.

Helping Families Stretch Limited Income: We provide education for both low-resource families and teens on how to effectively manage limited dollars.

Brokering Solutions: Cooperative Extension is a neutral party bringing together residents who need to collaborate to find workable solutions to vexing issues such as water usage.

Creating and Sustaining School Gardens: We assisted over 50 schools in developing school gardens so children can learn where their food comes from and make healthy eating choices.

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