Agriculture Programs
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Agriculture & Natural Resources
The Agriculture and Natural Resources unit of the Cooperative Extension Program is the primary educational outreach unit of the university that disseminates research-based knowledge to agricultural producers. County and specialist staffs assist small-scale farmers and ranchers to become self-sustaining and profitable.

Family & Consumer Sciences
Family and Consumer Sciences programs are designed to address current and future needs of families and individuals. Extension agents and program aides serve as educators and facilitators at the county level and are responsible for the planning, implementation, evaluation, and interpretation of programs. Technical support from program specialists and coordinators headquartered on the campus of Prairie View A&M University ensure that the most relevant and culturally sensitive information is disseminated to county staff to meet the identified needs of families.


4-H & Youth Development
The Cooperative Extension 4-H & Youth Development Program at Prairie View A&M University officially started in 1985. Prior to 1985 the youth program was called the Recreation and Outdoor Education Program. Trained professionals and paraprofessionals used fun wagons that contained recreational and camping activities to attract young people and teach them to use their leisure time constructively.

Community & Economic Development
The Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) was established at Prairie View A&M University in 1972. County staff were advised to assist clientele in all the areas they could to help them improve their level of living. The Community & Economic Development program grew out of the numerous requests of clientele and the need to improve community and economic conditions.

Today, all CEP agents work in community and economic development, devoting approximately 20% of their time to this program area. It is generally said that one cannot work in the other program areas without performing work in this program area.

There is no clear cut definition for community development. Community development means different things to many people. As one writer said, community development is people from many different groups all pulling together to solve problems.
Specifically, the programs in the College shall provide:

1. Instructional activities in Agriculture, Dietetics, and in Human Sciences, delivered through innovative classroom, laboratory and experiential learning experiences to prepare graduates for current and futuristic careers which respond to societal needs.

2. Research activities in the basic, applied and social sciences to produce information and technological developments which improve the social and economic conditions of targeted clientele in Texas, the nation, and the world, conducted primarily within the structured programs of the Cooperative Agricultural Research Center.

3. Extension activities to deliver research based information and informal educational opportunities focused on identified issues and needs of Texans of diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds giving emphasis to individuals that are historically unserved and underserved and conducted primarily within the structure of the Cooperative Extension Program.

4. International activities which develop sustainable linkages between human capital and natural resources and extend expertise in teaching, research and extension to assist in solving specific problems that restrain development in selected developing countries and conducted primarily within the structure of the Institute for International Agriculture.

Comprehensively, through involvement in professional and scientific activities, the College shall enhance the food, agricultural, and human sciences and strive to improve the quality of life for the residents of Texas, the nation and the world.

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