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University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) in Stanislaus County is part of a nation-wide system of off-campus education that brings the resources of the University of California, the US Department of Agriculture, and county government to the community. UCCE's mission is to bring research-based knowledge to the people of Stanislaus County to help them make sound decisions, solve their problems and improve their economic well being and quality of life. Programs are conducted in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 4-H Youth Development, and Nutrition, Family and Consumer Sciences.

The Cooperative Extension Staff in Stanislaus County is specifically tailored for the County, consisting of eight University of California Advisors and two UC Program Representatives. The UC Staff is supported by a Stanislaus County Office Manager, three Clerical Staff and an Agricultural Assistant. The advisors are supported by a statewide staff of UCCE Specialists, UC Faculty and USDA Specialists. UCCE carries out its mission in two major ways: problem solution (applied research), and disseminating information (education). Applied research is conducted mainly through field trials with farmers and other cooperators. Extension education programs are conducted through meetings, short courses, publications, phone calls, office visits, on-site consultations, television and radio programs, leaflets and other publications, newsletters and articles in newspapers, magazines and professional journals.

Stanislaus County UCCE Staff are currently conducting applied research and educational programs in livestock and natural resources, field crops, vegetable crops, fruit and nut crops, agricultural wastewater management, farm personnel management, integrated pest management and 4-H Youth Development, nutrition education for low-income families with children (EFNEP Program) and informational assistance to home gardeners, part-time farmers, and the general public.

UCCE's program is a three-way partnership reflecting the combined interests of the County Board of Supervisors, the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the US Department of Agriculture. In fiscal year 2004-2005, UC contributed 62 percent, the USDA 17 percent, and Stanislaus County 21 percent of the funds used to support our local UCCE Office. With the generous support of Stanislaus County, University of California Cooperative Extension has been able to bring its programs to Stanislaus County for 89 continuous years.