Lesson Objectives

After participation in this lesson, you will be able to:

• Identify the relationship between land-grant institutions and Cooperative Extension

• Recognize the impact of the Morrill Acts and the land-grant institution(s) in your state

• Identify why the Cooperative Extension System was established

• Learn how to connect to the eXtension website
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Smith-Lever Act of 1914

Hoke Smith
President Woodrow Wilson
A.F. Lever
Smith-Lever Act – May 8, 1914

SEC. 2. That cooperative agricultural extension work shall consist of the giving of instruction and practical demonstrations in agriculture and home economics to persons not attending or resident in said colleges in the several communities, and imparting to such persons information on said subjects through field demonstrations, publications, and otherwise; and this work shall be carried on in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of Agriculture and the State agricultural college or colleges receiving the benefits of this Act.
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USDA/NIFA

Research Education Extension

Land-Grant University System

County Offices
World War I – 1914-1918

Don't Waste Bread!

Save Two Slices Every Day and Defeat the 'U' Boat

firstworldwar.com
Surviving the Great Depression
1929 - 1939
Home life in the 1920s...

- 1 out of 10 farm homes had water indoors
- 1 out of 2 farm homes had sinks
- 1 out of 64 farm homes had a water closet, the rest had outhouses
- Most laundry was done outside
Smith-Lever Act of 1914

- By 1930, 70% of the urban population had electricity
- By 1930, **10%** of the rural population had electricity

Extension published articles with hints about using the new power for farm work and house work.
- electric milking machines
- electric stoves, washers, and water heaters
- electric pumps for indoor plumbing
World War II – 1939-1945

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New Technology of the 1950s

Kitchen in 1940’s

Tractor from 1950’s
Responsive Programs – 1960s-1990s

- Energy Crisis
- Computerization
- Natural Disasters
- Healthy Homes
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1862

Morrill Act: Land for land-grant institutions

1887

Second Morrill Act: Funds for land-grant Institutions for persons of color

1890

1914

Act of Congress
1994 land-grant institutions primarily for Native Americans

1994

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1994 Land Grants

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Cooperative Extension Today

- Family & Consumer Sciences
- 4-H Youth Development
- Agriculture
- Natural Resources
- Community Resource and Economic Development
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The USDA has posted the November/December issue of its Rural Cooperatives magazine. This issue includes two articles about agricultural cooperatives and two articles... → Read

Careers with Companion Animals Webinar Series

Join us for our next career-focused webinar. Companion animals touch the lives of most Americans on a daily basis. According to the 2011 American Pet Products... → Read

SGN Marker Search Tool Tutorial for Plant Breeders

The video tutorial introduces the marker search tool (“Markers”) in the breeder’s toolbox of the Sol Genomics Network (SGN)... → Read

Adapting the Child Care Environment for Children with Special Needs

Many child care providers work with children who have disabilities or special needs. Remember that children with special needs are children first and have a right to be children... → Read

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Upcoming Events

- 02 December
  - National Mutl Day
- 02 December
  - Companion animal careers series: Working with exotics: What can you do?
- 05 December
  - Dairy Webinar: Managing TMR Variability
- 06 December
  - Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable, and Farm Market EXPO
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  - Introduction to ArcGIS 10 (GIS Workshop)

Recent Articles, News & Answers

- Nov/Dec Issue of Rural Cooperatives Magazine Now Available

Resource Areas

- Alerts
- Community
- Disaster Issues
- Energy
- Family
- Farm
- Pest Management
- Youth

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Resource Areas
Communities of Practice (CoP)

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Selected Communities of Practice (CoP)

- Childcare
- Diabetes
- Drinking Water
- Family Caregiving
- Families, Food & Fitness
- Financial Security
- Food Safety
- Home Energy

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1. Ask a Question
2. Search for an instant answer
3. If there's no answer, we send it to our experts

Your Question: What kinds of questions can extension answer?

Optional: You can include an image with your question after the search

Search for an Answer

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Land Grant Institutions

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Relationships between Land-Grant Institutions and Local Cooperative Extension Offices

Extension is unique in structure and function. As a partnership of federal, state, and local governments, the Extension System—with its network of state universities and county offices, is in a position to deliver educational programs at the grassroots level throughout the nation. With its university faculty and staff serving the states and territories most located in the over 3,000 counties across the country, the County Extension Office is truly the front door to America's land-grant institutions.
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Work at USDA, as stated in 1930: “The end, the object of Extension work, is to aid the farmer and his family to improve living conditions on the farm, to provide a more satisfying rural life. Better crops, better livestock, better food, better clothes, these are among the objects of Extension work. But back of it all, the ultimate purpose is to create better homes, better citizens, better communities, better rural living.”
In Review

Cooperative Extension is one of the three arms of the present Land-Grant University System:

• Teaching
• Research
• Extension

Extension provides educational programs on local needs in local communities
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