

# VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

## Helping Virginia's Local Communities Thrive

Virginia Cooperative Extension connects public land-grant universities with individuals, localities, and organizations throughout the commonwealth to ensure all Virginians have access to evidence-based resources to foster safe, resilient, and healthy communities.

**Extension agents and staff all across Virginia live where you live, and care about what you care about.**

Health and well-being

Children and youth

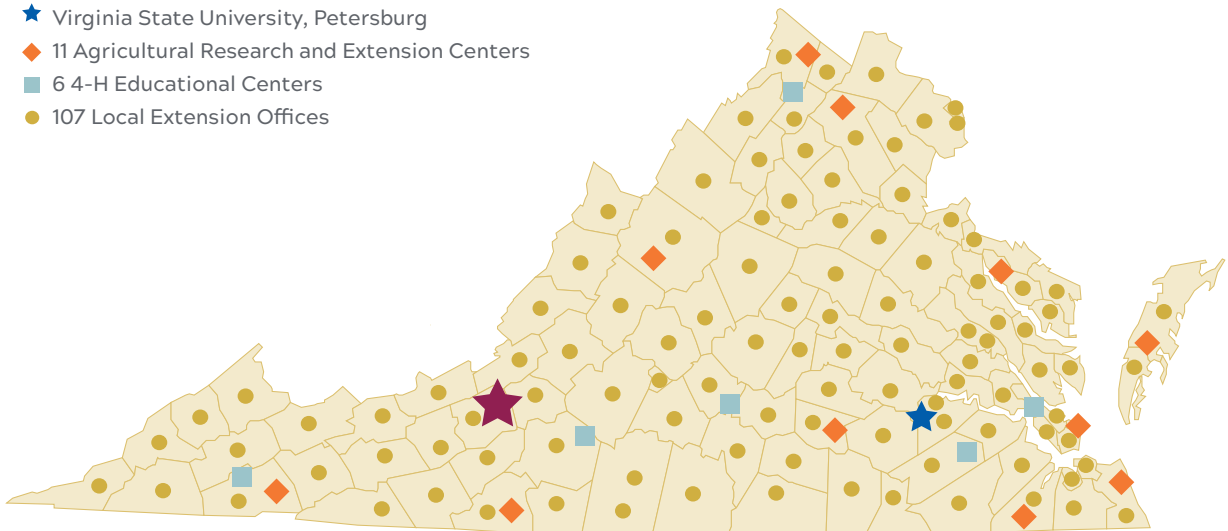
Safe and stable food supply

Resilient communities

Environmental health

VCE has an existing network of facilities (107 city and county unit offices, 11 Agricultural Research and Extension Centers, six 4-H centers and two university campuses and satellites), professional extension staff, and university specialists to deliver vital educational programs to the public. This network is enhanced by a connection to the resources of the land grant universities across the nation and is already located in every county and major city in the state.

- ★ Virginia Tech, Blacksburg Campus
- ★ Virginia State University, Petersburg
- ◆ 11 Agricultural Research and Extension Centers
- 6 4-H Educational Centers
- 107 Local Extension Offices



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## Addressing the needs in your community that you care about

### DO YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING? WE DO!

**Ensuring behavioral health, mental health, public health, and addressing chronic diseases**

- Nutrition/Health/Wellness, USDA SNAP-Supplemental Nutrition Education Program, FNP-Family Nutrition Program

**Ensuring a safe/affordable food supply, creating workplace readiness and continuing education**

- ServSafe, FSMA (Food Safety Modernization Act), GAP (Good Agricultural Practices), and other Food Safety Programming, Home Food Preservation

**Creating workplace readiness and continuing education, developing sound financial practices to ensure secure and healthy families**

- Family Financial Management, Parenting and Housing Programs

**Ensuring safe drinking water for all Virginians on a private water supply (human health, water quality, safe plumbing systems)**

- Virginia Household Water Quality Program - Well Water Testing

**Ensuring worker health, consumer health, environmental health, workplace readiness and continuing education, developing and implementing best management practices to reduce overuse and inappropriate use of pesticides**

- Pesticide Safety and Applicator Recertification Programs

### DO YOU DESIRE A SAFE AND STABLE FOOD SUPPLY? WE DO!

**Ensuring a safe/affordable/consistent food supply, creating workplace readiness and continuing education, creating economic development by ensuring viable farm and ag businesses, ensuring public health through zoonotic disease and biosecurity**

- Production Agriculture Programs

**Ensuring a safe/affordable food supply, workplace readiness and CE, Public Health**

- ServSafe, FSMA (Food Safety Modernization Act), GAP (Good Agricultural Practices), and other Food Safety Programming, Home Food Preservation

### DO YOU WANT YOUR COMMUNITY TO BE RESILIENT? WE DO!

**Ensuring safe drinking water for all Virginians on a private water supply (human health, water quality, safe plumbing systems)**

- Virginia Household Water Quality Program - Well Water Testing

**Ensuring internet access, developing workplace readiness and continuing education, creating economic development by ensuring viable farm and ag businesses**

- Virtual Learning, Social Media Resources and Technology

**Providing and developing leadership and civic engagement, creating workplace readiness, ensuring behavioral/metal/physical health, instilling environmental stewardship**

- Community Viability Programs

### DO YOU CARE ABOUT OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH? WE DO!

**Developing youth leadership and civic engagement, creating workplace readiness, ensuring behavioral/metal/physical health, instilling environmental stewardship**

- 4-H clubs, 4-H camps, In-school 4-H Programming

### DO YOU VALUE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH? WE DO!

**Ensuring environmental health and stewardship, ensuring water quality, creating economic development by ensuring viable farm/forest businesses**

- Forest and Natural Resource Education Programs (Wildlife, Forestry, Fishing, Outdoor Adventure, and Environmental Education; Nutrient Management, Water Quality, Pollinator Programming)

**Ensuring behavioral/mental health, ensuring environmental health and stewardship, providing volunteer training and development, creating civic engagement**

- Extension Master Gardener and Master Naturalist Volunteer Programs

**Improving water quality, ensuring environmental health, ensuring viable farm and ag businesses**

- Soil Lab and Soil Nutrient Testing

**Providing proper identification and best management practices to reduce overuse and inappropriate use of pesticides**

- Master Gardener Plant Clinics, Help Desks, Insect/Weed/Disease/Nematode Identification and Labs, Invasive Species Programming