



EXTENSION CENTER FOR FOOD, AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCES

Strengthening Minnesota's food, agriculture, and environment

ISSUE: Many challenges facing society today are rooted in food, agriculture, and the environment. Minnesota's land and resources are expected to provide an ever-increasing list of goods, services, and aesthetic values.

RESOURCES: Extension's Center for Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences provides the education to address challenging issues like producing food for a growing population, water quality, community food systems, climate change adaptation, and renewable energy and conservation.

Agriculture and food systems programs bring research-based education to Minnesota producers on the practices necessary for economic viability and environmental sustainability in areas including crops, livestock, and business management. **Environment and natural resources** programs improve the viability of Minnesota's environment, ensuring that forests and waters will continue to support economic development and quality of life. **Horticulture** programs offer home and commercial growers resources for effective vegetable, fruit, and floral production; turfgrass and landscaping; and pest management.

IMPACT: Extension's work in food, agriculture, and the environment creates a brighter future for Minnesotans by:

- Promoting agricultural and forestry practices that are economically and environmentally sustainable
- Finding solutions to complex issues like food safety and security
- Rapidly responding to crises such as extreme weather and invasive species
- Helping protect the state's natural resources

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