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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