Webster County Extension Milestones

- 1862 – Morrill Act creates land-grant university system to bring the benefits of higher education to all citizens
- 1895 – University of Missouri pioneers a Missouri Agricultural Extension Service
- 1913 – Missouri General Assembly first appropriates $25,000 to support extension work
- 1914 – Smith-Lever Act establishes the Cooperative Extension Service nationally
- 1918 – First county agricultural agent employed in Webster County
- 1927 – 4-H program becomes part of Cooperative Extension
- 1936 – First home extension agent employed in Webster County
- 1947 – Balanced Farming Program started
- 1970 – Area Specialist system replaces County Agent system
- 1975 – Musk thistle weevil first released in state in Webster County
- 1976 – Groundbreaking for new Webster County Extension Center
- 1984 – Extension Center gets first computer
- 1999 – Extension Center designated “Frances L. Pringle Education Building”
- 2003 – Master Gardener Program started
- 2008 – Spotted knapweed weevils first released in Webster County