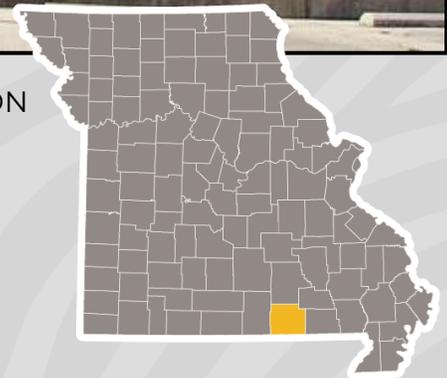




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Oregon County 2025



Annual Report

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Dear County Commissioners, Elected Leaders, and Friends of MU Extension and Engagement,

As I reflect on the past year, I am struck by the remarkable progress we have made together. MU Extension continues to deliver on its mission of linking the University of Missouri with every community across our state, ensuring that Missourians have access to the knowledge, resources, and partnerships they need to thrive.

Through the dedication of our faculty, staff, councils, partners, and advocates, MU Extension continues to make a measurable difference across Missouri. Last year, we had more than 1.5 million educational contacts and generated more than \$1 billion in economic impact. Building on that momentum, your support also helped secure a \$5 million recurring increase in state funding. This important milestone is already being invested in people, programs, and facilities to strengthen agriculture, improve health and well-being, support local economic development, and prepare youth for leadership through 4-H.

We have also adapted to new realities. Even as the sunset of federal SNAP-Ed funding forced hard choices, our commitment to delivering nutrition and health programs to families in need has not wavered. We are expanding investments in rural health, civic leadership and community development to address the priorities Missourians tell us matter most. We are also aligning our work with university, state, and federal priorities to maximize impact, whether in rural healthcare, agricultural innovation or workforce development.

Our strengths remain clear: people, programs, and partnerships. From nearly 6,000 4-H volunteers to county council members, master gardeners, and master naturalists, Extension thrives because of the dedication of those who serve. Our trusted, research-based content was accessed nearly 2 million times and downloaded more than 76,000 times last year, and innovative programs, from soil testing to urban revitalization initiatives, continue to meet Missouri's evolving needs.

Thank you for your continued partnership. MU Extension belongs to all Missourians, and together we will keep building resilient communities, fostering innovation, and preparing our state for the future.

With appreciation,

Chad Higgins, PhD
Vice Chancellor, MU Extension and Engagement
Chief Engagement Officer, UM System

WHO WE ARE – Local Office



Faculty and Staff

Jan Beazley

Nutrition Program Associate

April Hamlin

Youth Program Associate

Haley Schwantz

Field Specialist in Agronomy

Barbara Simpson

Office Administrative Assistant



OUR COMMUNITY

Every year Missourians turn to the University of Missouri (MU) Extension for practical knowledge, problem-solving, and guidance in navigating change. As a key resource for informed decision-making, we play a vital role in delivering this knowledge, fostering progress, and empowering individuals and communities to thrive.

OUR MISSION

As a land-grant institution, our mission is to **Bring Mizzou to YOU**. We bring the University of Missouri's cutting-edge research and expertise to the residents of the county, helping individuals, businesses, and municipalities make informed decisions that improve quality of life. Through our educational programs, we aim to strengthen communities, boost local economies, and promote sustainable growth by offering accessible, relevant, and responsive solutions backed by the resources of the University of Missouri System.

OUR MAIN PROGRAM AREAS

- › Agriculture
- › Business & Workforce Development
- › Community Development
- › Health and Human Science Initiatives
- › Nutrition & Health Education
- › 4-H Youth Development



Faculty and Staff Resources

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Field Specialist in Natural Resources

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Field Specialist in Agricultural Business

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MO PTAC Procurement Specialist

Elizabeth Picking

Field Specialist in Livestock

Jennifer Williams

Extension Engagement Specialist

Council Members

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The Oregon County MU Extension Council is a council of elected and appointed citizens who guide local educational programming. County council members are partners in the entire educational process, from needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes. Council members work with regional specialists to provide the county educational programs, manage finances of local extension operations, provide personnel to carry out Extension activities, and elect and organize the local Extension council.

County Commission

David Stubblefield, Presiding

Jake Parker, Northern

Dennis Morgan, Southern

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UM SYSTEM COUNTY IMPACT REPORT

This report offers a detailed overview of MU Extension’s impacts, including data on those affiliated with the University of Missouri System, along with the healthcare and extension services provided over the past year.

In addition, the report highlights the broader contributions of the UM System in key areas such as education, research, healthcare, economic development and public service. It features metrics like job creation, financial aid distribution, research investment, healthcare access and broadband expansion.

This report supports informed decision-making, advocacy efforts and strategic planning by illustrating the tangible impact of university-driven initiatives at both the local and statewide levels.

[Access your county’s Impact Report.](#)



GRAND CHALLENGES



The Grand Challenges Report reviews the most pressing issues facing Missouri communities. By focusing on these challenges, MU Extension can better leverage university resources, data and partnerships to empower people to improve their lives, businesses and communities.

This report presents localized data and insights in how MU Extension is addressing these challenges. Each section breaks down county-specific statistics compared to state averages.

[Access your county’s Grand Challenges Report.](#)



Budget

Appropriations budget

Income	
County Appropriations	67,500.00
Total Income	67,500.00
Expenses	
Salaries/Benefits	53,057.03
Travel	5904.00
Telephone	1039.49
Supplies/Service	1109.18
Insurance	1408.82
Postage	195.04
Surety Bond	100.00
Furniture/Equipment	1286.00
Total Expenses	64,099.56

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Oregon County 4H



61 volunteers contributed 92 hours of service, strengthening programs through mentorship, leadership, and community involvement. That is \$3,166.64 in volunteer value by an estimate of the Independent Sector.



271 youth participants reached across 30 sessions, totaling 64 hours of direct educational programming.



13 multi-session, educational programs delivered in Oregon County, engaging youth through hands-on, in-person learning experiences.



Missouri 4-H

Butler, Carter, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, & Shannon Counties

Statewide

Missouri 4-H Foundation awards

\$101,000
in scholarships

Missouri 4-H is supported by
more than

5,000

volunteers, donors, faculty, and
staff around the state.



56,000

youth members are
enrolled in Missouri 4-
H programs statewide.
These young people
are learning skills,
engaging in hands-on
activities, and
preparing for careers
and leadership roles.

Shooting Sports

Aim High

4-H shooting sports promote positive youth development by teaching responsibility, self-discipline, and safety through structured, hands-on learning. Youth build confidence and goal-setting skills as they practice focus, patience, and personal accountability alongside trained adult mentors. The program also strengthens character and leadership by emphasizing respect, ethical decision-making, and teamwork in a supportive environment.



"I've made friends who encourage me to do my best, and we always look out for each other. We learn that safety comes first and that being a good sport matters just as much as hitting the target, even though we are all still competitive." ~ 4-H Member

4-H Engineering & Technology



Butler, Carter, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, & Shannon Counties

Powered by Curiosity

Engineering and technology programs give rural youth access to skills and experiences that might otherwise be limited by geography, helping them see themselves as innovators, problem-solvers, and leaders. Through hands-on learning, youth develop critical thinking, creativity, and confidence as they design, build, and test real-world solutions to challenges they recognize in their own communities.



“When Mom said we were going to do junk drawer robots, I thought it was going to be a pile of trash that would just look like a robot. But, we actually made a robot that worked. It was so cool.”~ 4-H Member



4-H Environment & Natural Resources

Learning to Care for What We Share

Through hands-on, place-based learning, participants build knowledge of conservation, wildlife, soil, water, and pollinator health while strengthening critical thinking and problem-solving skills.



“I like that we’re helping pollinators and learning a skill that people have used for a long time.”~ 4-H Member



132

youth participated in 4-H Days at the Lake



4-H Plant & Animal Science

Butler, Carter, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, & Shannon Counties

Growing What Sustains Us



“Growing something and watching it succeed made me feel proud of my work.”~ 4-H Member

- 1) **98.4%** of participants indicated they are likely to use the skills learned when working with horses or participating in future 4-H equine activities.
- 2) **100%** surveyed participants reported strong confidence in their ability to work safely and effectively with livestock following the program.

4-H plant and animal science programs provide youth with hands-on experiences that build knowledge of agriculture, biology, and animal care while fostering responsibility and problem-solving skills. Through learning by doing, participants develop practical skills, confidence, and an understanding of how plants and animals contribute to food systems, environmental sustainability, and community well-being.

4-H Leadership & Personal Development

Growing Leaders. Building Futures.

Leadership and personal development in 4-H help youth build confidence, communication skills, and a strong sense of responsibility as they learn to lead themselves and others. Through hands-on experiences, youth develop decision-making, teamwork, and resilience skills that prepare them for success in school, careers, and their communities.

“I felt proud knowing my ideas mattered and that I helped make decisions for our club.”~ 4-H Member



96%

of local 4-H council and committee members reported that their council operates effectively, communicates respectfully, and ensures programs are inclusive and accessible to all youth and their families.



4-H Expressive Arts

Butler, Carter, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, & Shannon Counties

Where Creativity Builds Confidence

Expressive arts projects in 4-H promote positive youth development by giving youth a safe space to explore their identity, voice their ideas, and build confidence through creativity. By making choices, expressing emotions, and sharing their work, youth develop autonomy, communication skills, and a strong sense of belonging. These projects also foster connection and resilience as youth collaborate with peers and supportive adults while seeing their talents valued and celebrated.

“It [painting project] helped me show who I am and what I care about and helped me realize my creativity really matters.”~ 4-H member



100%
of participating 4-H youth reported high confidence in their ability to take clear, well-framed photographs using a camera or phone after completing the Photography Project SPIN.

4-H Healthy Living

Healthy Habits, Healthy Futures

Healthy living 4-H programs promote positive youth development by helping youth build lifelong habits that support physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Through hands-on learning and supportive relationships, youth develop confidence, self-management, and decision-making skills that empower them to make healthy choices for themselves and their communities.



“The SNAC program helped my child feel excited about trying new foods and making healthier choices. I’ve seen them become more confident in the kitchen and more aware of how food helps their body feel good.”~ 4-H Parent

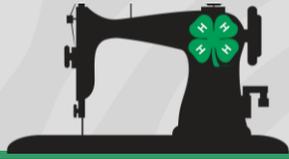


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Oregon County 4-H

Profiles and stories





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Nutrition Program Associate

SNAP Education

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Education or SNAP-Ed) brought over \$11,419,598 in federal funds to Missouri in 2025 to support engagement with 70,722 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients and eligible citizens. Through direct education, newsletters, health fairs, food pantries, and the Show Me Nutrition helpline, 4395 direct and indirect contacts were reached in Oregon County.

MU Extension nutrition educators work with individuals and groups in a variety of settings throughout the state to meet a wide range of needs. Whether reaching out to youth and adults through direct education or working with communities to promote healthy policies, systems and environments (PSE), our goal is to help participants make behavior changes to achieve lifelong health and fitness. Often people tell us how the program has impacted their lives, even years after they have participated. Each day there are new stories that bring home the same important message: The MU Extension Family Nutrition Education Program makes a difference, a difference that means better health and fitness for a lifetime.

4,395 participants
(both youth and adult)
received education in
Oregon County in 2025.



I enjoyed programming with schools, 4-H cooking & gardening projects, Senior centers, nursing homes, drug courts and more in 2025.

Jan Beazley,
Nutrition Program Associate



AGRONOMY IMPACT



Soil testing with the University of Missouri Extension is a tool that many producers in Oregon County use to monitor fertility and pH levels for forage and crop production. There were **283 interpretations of soil test reports** by the Agronomy Field Specialist for 2025. This represents **7,996.57 acres**.

Success Story I was approached by a cattle long time producer earlier this year who shared with me that I had drastically reduced his fertilizer bill by walking him through on how to interpret soil testing and the importance of pH and fertility.

Soil and Grazing Management Regional Tour

Haley Schwantz paired up with the Livestock Specialists assigned to Oregon, Ripley, Shannon, Carter, Reynolds, Howell, and Texas Counties to offer a local program in 7 counties. This program focused on how to collect soil samples, interpret soil test reports, determine lime and fertilizer needs and long-term management, and the importance of nutrient management using rotational grazing and hay feeding. Feedback on surveys was very positive. **57 producers** attended the programs that followed through. **4 (2 couples) were from Oregon County** and were offered personal farm visits to both farms.

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SOIL AND GRAZING MANAGEMENT



JOIN US...

Join Agronomy Field Specialist Haley Schwantz and Livestock Field Specialist Elizabeth Picking to discuss:

- How to soil sample & interpret soil test reports
- Manure as a fertilizer source
- Grazing methods

Cost \$10
Pizza and refreshments will be provided

EVENT DETAILS

LOCATION

Victory Freewill Baptist Church

REGISTER BY
02/26/2025



Private Pesticide Applicator Trainings certify crop producers for restricted use pesticides. MU Extension provides classes for these certification needs. There were a total of **6 private applicator trainings** in Oregon County in 2025. Oregon County has a total of **155 licensed Private Applicators**. Currently there are **17 that will expire in 2026**.

Two training methods offered:

1. One-on-one's: This personalized training offers an opportunity for the producer to be both trained to use RUPs and take advantage of a farm visit in one day.
2. Online: a total of **13 online PPATs** were offered by Haley Schwantz in 2025 training 83 private applicators.

ONE-ON-ONE

Private Pesticide Applicator Trainings

\$75 fee to obtain license

Cash or Check accepted at event
Must be exact change if paying in cash

Category 20 Private Pesticide Applicator
Required Core Training ONLY

Renewal and new certifications for
Restricted Use Pesticide Applications



SCHEDULE A TIME CONVENIENT FOR YOU



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Agriculture and Environment



Elizabeth Picking, MS | Field Specialist in Livestock



I was on a team that worked to develop **curriculum for Commercial Drone use.**

Artificial Insemination Schools
 We taught 2 AI schools in 2025, educating 26 dairy and beef cattle producers.



Horsemen's Webinar Series

Extension
University of Missouri

HORSEMEN'S WEBINAR SERIES

- March 19 (6pm) - Forage Varieties for Horses**
 Dr. Harley Naumann
 Associate Teaching Professor & Extension State Forage & Grazing Specialist,
 Division of Animal Sciences
- July 23rd (6pm) - Toxic Weeds for Horses**
 Dr. Tim Evans, DVM
 Associate Professor & State Extension Specialist,
 Veterinary Medicine
- September 24th (6pm) - Hay Selection for Horses**
 Elizabeth Picking
 Field Specialist in Livestock
 MU Extension
- December 10th (6pm) - Farm Taxes for Horse Owners**
 Katie Nuener
 Field Specialist in Agricultural Business
 MU Extension

Free Event Register online at [CVENT LINK](#)

The free webinar series was offered for the first time in 2025 to serve and educate horse owners and businesses. **Four webinars were offered.**



Spring Forage Conference

The 41st annual spring forage conference was held in Springfield, MO. 375 producers attended from 31 counties and 3 different states. The keynote speaker was Dr. Gary Bates, who spoke on "Looking Back at Advancements in Forage Production". This conference is a partnership between MU Extension, NRCS, and SWCD employees as well as many businesses and agencies that are sponsors or vendors.





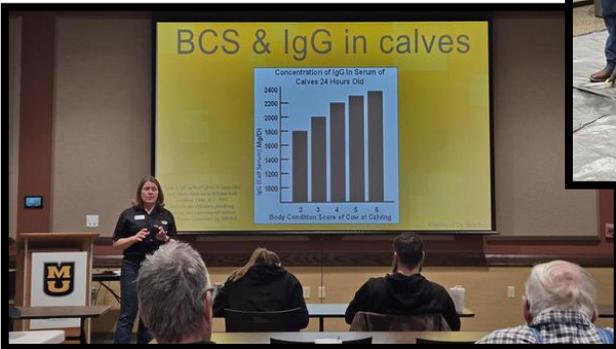
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Spring Calving Clinic - SW Research Extension & Education Center



SW Research, Extension, and Education Center Field Day



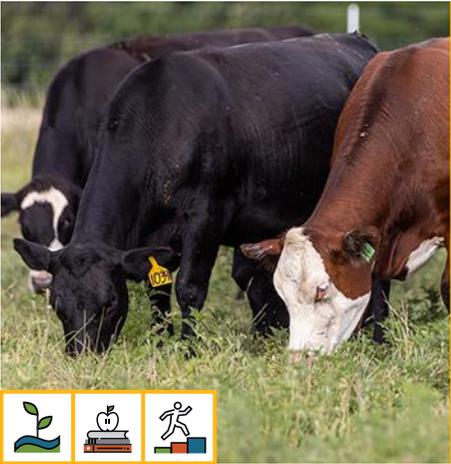
Missouri Grazing Schools



South Central Missouri Cattlemen's Association Meetings

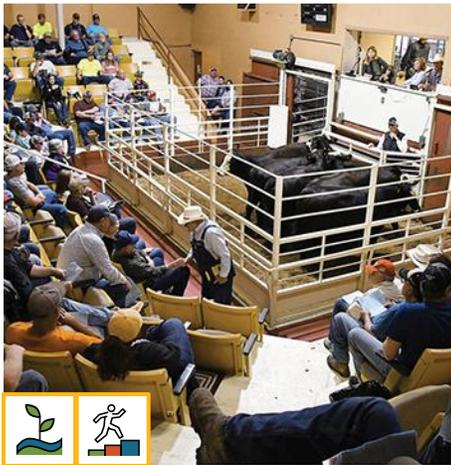


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Missouri Grazing Schools teach management-intensive grazing by dividing large fields into smaller paddocks and systematically rotating livestock among them. Producers who attend the grazing schools learn how to reduce costs through Improved livestock grazing and pasture management while getting insights into fencing, watering systems and grazing system design.

The annual impact of management-intensive grazing is estimated to be \$125 MILLION per year in Missouri



The Missouri Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer Program strives to enhance beef herd reproductive efficiency, boost farm income and establish dependable sources of quality replacement cows in Missouri. The program brings in the power of animal genomics through an enhanced DNA-option, Show-Me-PLUS.



Since its inception more than 900 FARMS have enrolled, with an estimated statewide impact of \$200 MILLION.



Women make up a growing portion of private forest landowners, and their knowledge and confidence in managing their land is invaluable. The **Women Owning Woodlands** program empowers women landowners to take action to secure the future of their land.



The Missouri Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM), funded by USDA grants, has been an important extension program for more than 30 years. Mizzou IPM distributes articles, pest monitoring data and publications on how to improve the application of integrated pest management strategies and systems in crops. In addition, the new Soybean Growth Monitoring Report is released through IPM every two weeks during the growing season.

The MU Soil Testing Program delivers research-based nutrient and lime recommendations to more than 32,500 customers annually.



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Profiles and stories



Century Farm

The Lee & Cathy Reynolds family were honored and presented their Missouri Century Farm sign at this year's Farm Show. The 134-acre farm has remained in the Harrison family since 1925 beginning with Autway Clementine Harrison, grandparent to Cathy.



Leader's Honor Roll

Doug & Jan Melton (left) and Terry Smith (right) were presented the award for Leader's Honor Roll at the Oregon County Extension annual meeting. The Leaders Honor Roll program is intended to honor outstanding community leaders and volunteers who have excelled in supporting, educating, and advancing MU Extension and/or 4-H in their community and county.



Oregon County Farm Family

The Anderson family was honored at the Missouri State Fair in August as our county's farm family of the year. Joseph, Debbie, Austin and Macie Anderson run a cow/calf operation on 160+ acres in Oregon County. Goals and accomplishments in improving the quality of the farming program include increasing the herd size and decreasing hay production and usage by using grazing management practices.

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Local Impact

Traven Crocker, Horticulture Field Specialist

MU Extension's horticulture programming in the county focused hands-on educational workshops, site visits, and community partnerships to support local growers, homeowners, and youth.

Impact

Across 9 program activities, 45 participants engaged with Extension resources and hands-on learning. Direct contacts provided timely problem-solving and technical support to residents, totaling 19 one-on-one interactions. Virtual programs extended access for the county, reaching 14 participants.

Soil test, horticulture: 109

Direct Contact Topics: 19 participants

- Fruit tree care
- Pruning
- Integrated pest management
- Plant and insect identification

Program Examples:

- Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop, 9 participants.
- Houseplant Propagation Workshop, 6 participants
- Library Summer Reading Program, 6 participants
- Seed Saving Workshop, 5 participants
- Site visit 3 (fruit and arborvitae trees), 6 participants



Workshop participants propagating houseplants at Alton Library.

Agriculture and Environment - Horticulture

MU Extension's horticulture programming

allows residents to have access to virtual and indirect horticulture education through several statewide resources:

- **Show Me Today** The Voice of Missouri radio is where you can listen to interviews from Horticulture Field specialist statewide. Subscribe to [Show Me Today](#)



- **The MU Extension Integrated Pest Management** YouTube channel host Garden Hour and other educational programming and resources. Subscribe to the [MU IPM YouTube Channel](#).



- **The Garden Spade newsletter** offers reliable, responsive, and relative information or the Missouri gardener. Subscribe to [Garden Spade newsletter](#).



- **The Commercial Horticulture Newsletter** offers to equip clients with research-based information that will enable their success. Subscribe to [Commercial Horticulture Newsletter](#).

- **The Garden Hour** virtual series drew 1488 attendees across 12 sessions through the year and delivered horticulture education.
- Sessions are available through live Zoom and posted on the [MU Extension Integrated Pest Management](#) YouTube channel.



- **The Extension Master Gardener program** was established in Missouri in 1983 and provides in-depth horticultural training for Missourians who wish to share their knowledge of gardening. The mission of the University of Missouri Extension Master Gardener program is to support MU Extension by providing trained volunteers to assist in public horticulture education.
- This course prepares Extension Master Gardeners in topics related to soils, plant nutrition, plant propagation, disease and insect control, lawn care, residential landscape, environmental stewardship, and safe use of pest management strategies. Master Gardener volunteers use unbiased research-based information to educate through presentations, demonstration gardens, and produce donations.
- To become trained as an Extension Master Gardener, an individual must attend core training and provide 30 hours of volunteer service back to their community.





Oregon County

Health and Human Sciences

Local Impact

In 2025, MU Extension delivered **9 technology classes** in Oregon County, reaching **46 participants**.

These classes focused on:

- Building confidence with smartphones and digital tools
- Improving access to online services and information
- Supporting adults and older adults in navigating technology safely and effectively
- Technology education helped reduce barriers to communication, healthcare access, and daily problem-solving for rural residents.

MU Extension delivered **11 Health & Human Services classes**, including:

Wits Workout
A Matter of Balance
Keep Your Keys

These programs focused on:

- Cognitive engagement
- Fall prevention
- Physical confidence
- Social connection
- Healthy aging



A Matter of Balance was delivered in partnership with the **Senior Age Nutrition Center in Alton**, co-facilitated alongside the center's director. This collaboration:

- Increased participant trust and comfort
- Strengthened attendance and engagement
- Ensured programming met the specific needs of older adults
- Demonstrated effective community-based delivery

20 total classes delivered

9 Technology

11 Health & Human Services

95 total participants served

Oregon County has a high proportion of older adults and limited access to structured wellness and education programs. MU Extension programming supported:

- Digital inclusion
- Brain health and cognitive stimulation
- Fall prevention and mobility confidence
- Social connection for older adults
- Community-based prevention strategies

By offering both technology and health programming, MU Extension addressed **multiple aging-related needs simultaneously**.



Human Development Specialist

NATURAL RESOURCES



Additionally, the **Missouri Woodland Steward program** offers a short course that equips private landowners with knowledge of woodland management, helping them identify wildlife habitats, develop plans and connect with local natural resource experts.

The Missouri Master Naturalist program is a community-based initiative for adults, supported by the Missouri Department of Conservation and MU Extension. It aims to create a group of knowledgeable volunteers who can offer education, outreach and service for the responsible management of natural resources in Missouri communities.

The Missouri AgrAbility Project provides practical education, on-the-farm assistance and agency referrals to farmers and ranchers with disabilities and their families to promote agricultural and rural independence. National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), administers the AgrAbility project.

The **Invasive Plant Workshop**, in Oregon County, covered how to identify and treat common invasive plants in Missouri. The morning was presented lecture style with a PowerPoint, followed by an afternoon session where participants got to practice identifying invasive plants in the field and discuss treatment options.



Heroes to Hives offers free professional training in beekeeping to veterans, promoting financial and personal wellness through community development. Missouri's Heroes to Hives group has trained more than 1,200 veterans since 2021. It is the nation's largest agriculture training program for U.S. military service members. Army Veteran John Fuller and Calvin, both with the Heroes to Hives of Missouri program, joined Oregon County Extension at the Farm Trade Show. If you need any information related to the Heroes to Hives in Missouri program or to speak with someone about farm stress and mental health, reach out to John Fuller at 573-686-8064.



“A lot of veterans come right out of the service and may feel disconnected and may be struggling with finding job opportunities. The Heroes to Hives program offers a diversion as well as opportunities.”



Emergency Management



Established in 2002, the **Fire Officer Certificate Program** is designed for those who wish to further their professional development without the time and expense of traditional college classes. This program has been developed and evaluated to ensure it provides structured curriculum delivery and academic rigor. The program requires completion of 288 of instruction within three years.



The **Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF)** program provides specialized fire training for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificated airports. The program uses a Mobile Aircraft Fire Training simulator to provide realistic on-site fire and rescue training at airports, which are required to provide recurring ARFF training for their airport firefighters.



The **Missouri Extension Disaster Education Network** provides education and technical assistance to individuals and families, local governments, schools and organizations so they can prepare for and respond to natural and man-made disasters. Because of the unique relationship it maintains with each community, MU Extension is a key resource for the public, emergency services and public officials.



The programming from the **MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI)** is available to all qualified fire and emergency first responders. Seventy percent of courses are held at the local departments or agencies. With most of the state's fire service personnel considered volunteer or part-time, this local access and flexibility assures training opportunities for all firefighter and emergency responders.



The **Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program (FSLEP)** prepares fire and emergency service leaders for the opportunities and challenges they will face. For 25 years, the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute has partnered with the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs and the Missouri Association of Fire Protection Districts on this program.



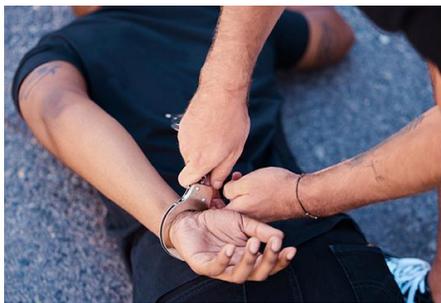
LETI's **National Animal Cruelty Investigations School** provides training on investigating abuse and neglect of animals. Multi-level courses prepare future animal care workers to handle most types of incidents. Several jurisdictions throughout the country require the National Animal Cruelty Investigations School's training for employment as animal cruelty investigators.



MU Continuing Education for Health Professions (CEHP) provides evidenced-based, relevant and responsive learning activities designed to narrow professional practice gaps with respect to knowledge, competence, and performance of the healthcare team. A commitment to lifelong learning, in partnership with those we serve, contributes to excellence in practice and improved health outcomes.



The Law Enforcement Training Institute (LETI) has provided basic and advanced training for law enforcement since 1948. LETI's **Basic Peace Officer Academy** exceeds the 600 hours of training required for licensure in Missouri. From 2019 through 2025, the basic academy has licensed almost 400 peace officers, more than any other academy in the state. During that time, all but one graduate became employed by a law enforcement agency. LETI graduates come from around the state and return to their communities to serve and protect.



The **Law Enforcement Training Institute (LETI)** offers advanced training on a wide variety of topics, including defensive tactics, firearms, use of force and de-escalation. LETI offers customized programs for all required continuing education areas of concentration.



The Agricultural Business and Policy (ABP) program drives the growth of Missouri's agriculture economy by equipping farmers, ranchers, landowners and agribusinesses with the knowledge and tools to make sound farm management decisions. ABP provides interactive programming and tailored resources such as enterprise budgets and farm accounting tools and valuable executive education through its annual Agricultural Lenders School and seminars. These programs deliver key insights, market outlooks, policy updates and practical tools to help lenders and their clientele navigate volatile farm economies. ABP conducts unbiased comprehensive surveys on farmland values, custom farming rates and cash rental rates. These surveys for farm operators, ag lenders, government agencies and industry stakeholders provide valuable insights into trends and indicators of farm financial health.

The Missouri Agriculture, Food and Forestry Innovation Center (MAFFIC) provides dedicated technical assistance to help value-added agricultural producers launch or expand their businesses. Through personalized support in marketing, product development, business planning and financial analysis, MAFFIC business counselors equip producers with the knowledge and tools needed for success. Each year, these free services reach more than 150 producers, driving innovation and growth in Missouri agriculture.

