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By agreement, Trinity County provides the UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) with support staff, facilities and services in exchange for the University-provided programs and professionals.



UCCE in Trinity County

UCCE plays a vital role in helping the University achieve the goals outlined in its mission statement.

The newly-remodeled UCCE office in Trinity County provides residents with an important link to the research-based knowledge developed through the UC system. This link provides the University with two-way communication and serves two functions:

1. The UC research findings are conveyed in agronomy, livestock, natural resources, forestry, and human nutrition to interested Trinity County residents.
2. The research needs of Trinity County residents are communicated back to the University. As a result, the needs are frequently addressed locally through collaborative research by farm advisors, specialists, faculty, and local producers.

Trinity County programs and staff are briefly described in this brochure.

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The mission of the University of California Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources is to serve California through the creation, development and application of knowledge in agricultural, natural & human resources.

*U.S. Department of Agriculture, Trinity
County, & the University of California*

Agriculture & Natural Resources



We provide information to local forest landowners and contractors by:

- Holding workshops on forest management, fuels reduction and how to form neighborhood forestry associations.
- Providing assistance to forest contractors with e-commerce registration

We assist residents who want to produce an agricultural commodity by:

- Providing a wine grape vineyard cost study for Trinity County
- Surveying Hayfork valley landowners on the future of farming
- Providing technical assistance to ranchers (pasture fertility and water quality), landowners and gardeners

We promote economic development.



Our Heritage Orchard Project provides a focal point for agritourism and value-added product marketing, promotes heirloom orchards as a food resource and preserves a vanishing horticultural heritage.

4-H Youth Development Program



The 4-H Youth Development Program is a hands-on learning experience available to all youth ages 5-19 in Trinity County. Members learn valuable life skills while participating in a wide variety of project areas, events, and activities. Youth become engaged as contributing community members by planning and carrying out local service projects. The leadership skills they learn in 4-H help them become the active citizens of tomorrow.



4-H is an informal educational program that serves 120 young people each year in 8 community clubs throughout Trinity County. Youth are taught, and encouraged in their projects by caring, trained adult volunteers from the community. These youth-adult partnerships are the basis of success in the 4-H program.

The program welcomes your interest and support of 4-H in our county. It is a valuable investment in our youth and the future.

Nutrition, Family & Consumer Science Program



Trinity Kids CAN

UCCE has provided funding and leadership to Trinity Kids Coalition for Activity and Nutrition. This multi-organization coalition mission is *“improving the health of children and their families through the education and promotion of good nutrition and physical activity.”*

Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP)

Our goal: to serve low-income people with quality nutrition education to promote healthy lifestyles and greater self-sufficiency.

Adult FSNEP

We offer workshops on nutrition, budgeting and food safety. We also train agency employees to present Learn at Home lessons to low-income clients.

- Over 500 residents have attended workshops this year
- Workshops are held at 14 agencies throughout the County

Youth FSNEP

We train teachers, pre-K through 12th grade to implement food, nutrition, physical activity and gardening units with students. This program is aligned with the CA State Standards in science, math, reading, environmental studies, nutrition, and health.

- During the last school year 57 teachers were trained to deliver nutrition education, physical activity and/or gardening curricula.
- 835 students were taught nutrition education at 18 Trinity County schools
- 300 children participated in Every Steps Counts Pedometer program