Why Extension

We are on a collaborative journey.

FOOD  Food programs with UConn Extension cover the entire spectrum, from growing food to consuming healthy and nutritious meals. Extension educators are facilitating food related programming in 163 out of the 169 cities and towns in Connecticut. Examples of our programs include:

- Farm to School
- Fruit & Vegetable Integrated Pest Management
- Master Gardeners
- Soils & Nutrient Management
- Solid Ground Farmer Programs
- VISTA Food Justice
- Seafood Safety
- Agricultural Business Economics
- Shellfish & Kelp Production
- Food Safety
- Livestock Education
- Dairy Education

HEALTH  A holistic approach to health includes interdisciplinary collaborations among humans, animals, and our environment. UConn Extension's health initiatives are integral parts of our food and sustainability programs, and we communicate all aspects of health with our audiences. Examples of our programs with health components include:

- UConn 4-H
- SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education
- People Empowering People
- UConn CLIR
- Community Economic Development
- Sustainable Families
- Financial Literacy
- Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program
- Extension Disaster Education Network

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY  Extension educators are working in communities statewide for greater protection and conservation of our environment and natural resources. We utilize the intellectual capital from UConn and our partners to solve problems across the state and region. Examples of our programs in environmental sustainability include:

- Land Use
- Climate Adaptation
- Tree Wardens
- Connecticut Trail Census
- Geospatial Technologies
- Low Impact Development
- Stormwater Management
- Integrated Pest Management
- Turfgrass
- Sustainable Landscapes

Active Programs in Connecticut Communities

Based on 2017 data

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