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Oklahoma State University's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is dedicated to developing and disseminating sciencebased information relevant to helping people improve the quality of life for them, their families and communities. The Division is comprised of the College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. Here is a look at how we are serving people throughout our great state every day.



COMMUNITY

- Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development programs reach more than 97,000 youth each year.
- Young people in Juntos, a research-based, culturally appropriate mentoring program for at-risk Latino students, **reduced absences by 33 percent**, cut tardiness by 23 percent and raised their grades by 29 percent.
- Community Nutrition Education Programs reached nearly 11,000 family members in 2015. Of these families, 48 percent are at or below the federal poverty level.
- More than 1,200 Oklahoma Master Gardeners volunteered nearly \$1.7 million in service time to local communities.

CROPS

- More than 40 percent of Oklahoma's wheat acreage is planted with OSU-developed varieties.
- Extension scientists identified sugarcane aphid infestations in grain sorghum and helped growers combat the threat, helping save producers \$700,000 in lost grain yields in 2015.
- The OSU Wheat Improvement Team saved Oklahoma wheat growers more than **\$1.5 million in yield losses** in 2015 by screening winter wheat varieties for resistance to Hessian fly infestations.
- Extension's free herbicide resistance diagnostic service discovered herbicide-resistant Italian ryegrass populations, and subsequent research-based weed control recommendations stand to save growers as much as \$18 million annually.
- DASNR showed producers how to modify pecan production to improve product quality, reduce the incidence of shell suture and take advantage of early harvesting for increased potential profits. Oklahoma is the nation's fifth-leading producer of pecans.

FOOD SAFETY

- OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources offers a **new food safety degree option** for food science majors in the department of animal science.
- In 2015, the Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center at OSU **assisted 50 food businesses** with technical, business, regulatory and food safety programs.
- Family and Consumer Sciences educators in all 77 counties conduct training workshops in science-based methods of home food preservation and storage that result in safe, quality products.
- FAPC held **130 food industry employee training sessions** in 2015.

LIVESTOCK

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- DASNR developed a **technique to improve the appearance and value of dark-cutting beef**, which costs the U.S. beef industry approximately \$165 million to \$170 million each year.
- DASNR's annual Oklahoma Meat Goat Bootcamp has allowed producers from more than two dozen states to increase knowledge by nearly 40 percent, and attendees indicated the education received has an average perceived value of \$312,868 per bootcamp.
- Graduates of the OSU Master Cattleman Program estimate improvement in their cattle operation's **profitability at approximately \$3,500 annually**.
- Since 1998, DASNR has trained 2,700 poultry operators in processes relevant to maintaining water quality, proper manure handling techniques, nutrient management, record keeping, and laws and rules relevant to poultry waste management in Oklahoma.

 Extension's Co-Parenting for Resilience program served nearly 3,000 participants, 96 percent of whom indicated they learned new ways to be an effective parent and 92 percent said they would recommend the program to a friend going through a divorce.

- Participants in Extension financial management programs in 2015 reported a 58 percent increase in intent to regularly track income & spending.
- The Cooking for Kids skills-development program helped 294 school nutrition professionals representing 93 Oklahoma school districts build expertise in providing flavorful and healthy school breakfast and lunch programs in 2015.
- Extension-trained Master Gardeners donated approximately 1,200 pounds of fresh-grown produce to local food pantries, kitchens, shelters and programs throughout Oklahoma.

WATER

- Since 2000, the Oklahoma Water Resources Center has funded nearly 50 research projects, providing support and training for 180 students.
- DASNR's South Central Research Station is conducting irrigation research with the City of Chickasha, discovering ways of safely using some of the 1.7 million gallons of wastewater produced per day to irrigate crops.
- Research conducted in the Barren Fork Creek watershed in northeast Oklahoma demonstrated the value of riparian protection as a best management practice to stop

streams from eroding and phosphorus-laden sediment washing into streams.

- Extension designed the low-impact development approach, a comprehensive land planning and engineering design approach with a goal of **maintaining and enhancing urban and developed watersheds**.
- The Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden features a **drought-tolerant garden** through a partnership with Extension, OSU's Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture and the Oklahoma City Utilities Department.



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FY2015 BUDGET BY AGENCY

OAES (Research)	\$ 71,394,826
OCES (Extension)	\$ 53,702,241
CASNR (Teaching)	\$ 12,400,311
Total	\$137,497,378



FY2015 FUNDING SOURCES

State Appropriations	\$ 53,894,143
Federal Appropriations	\$ 13,016,924
Program Fees	\$ 1,584,083
Endowments	\$ 5,103,000
Revolving Funds, Station Sales	\$ 14,400,000
Grants and Contracts	\$ 25,283,000
Carryover/Other Sources	\$ 15,600,000
University General Fund Allocations	\$ 8,616,228
Total	\$ 137,497,378

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