

# Cooperative Extension Division Update 2021

Orange County / University of Florida IFAS  
Extension Educational Center

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# What is Cooperative Extension?

- **Morrill Act 1862 – Established the land grant university system: University of Florida and Florida A&M University**
- **Hatch Act 1887 – Established Agricultural Research Stations: Mid-Florida Research & Education Center, Apopka**
- **Smith Lever Act 1914 – Established Cooperative Extension Service: Orange County Extension**



# What is Cooperative Extension?





# Extension Major Program Areas

- Agriculture / Horticulture & Natural Resources
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- 4-H Youth Development
- Family Nutrition Program (grant funded)

Orange County Extension has access to hundreds of UF specialists to help address local needs.



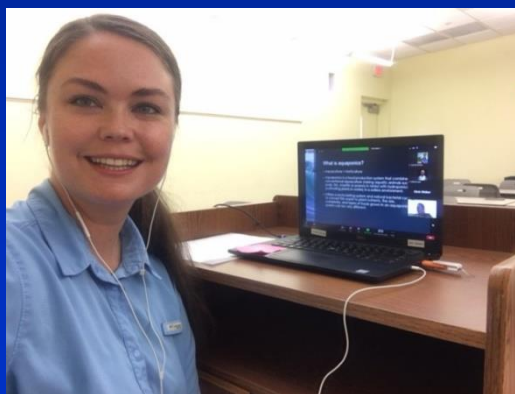
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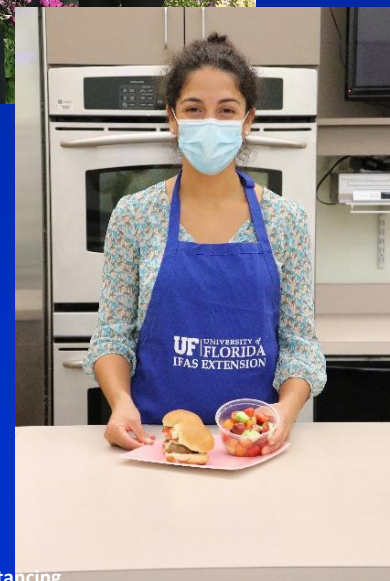
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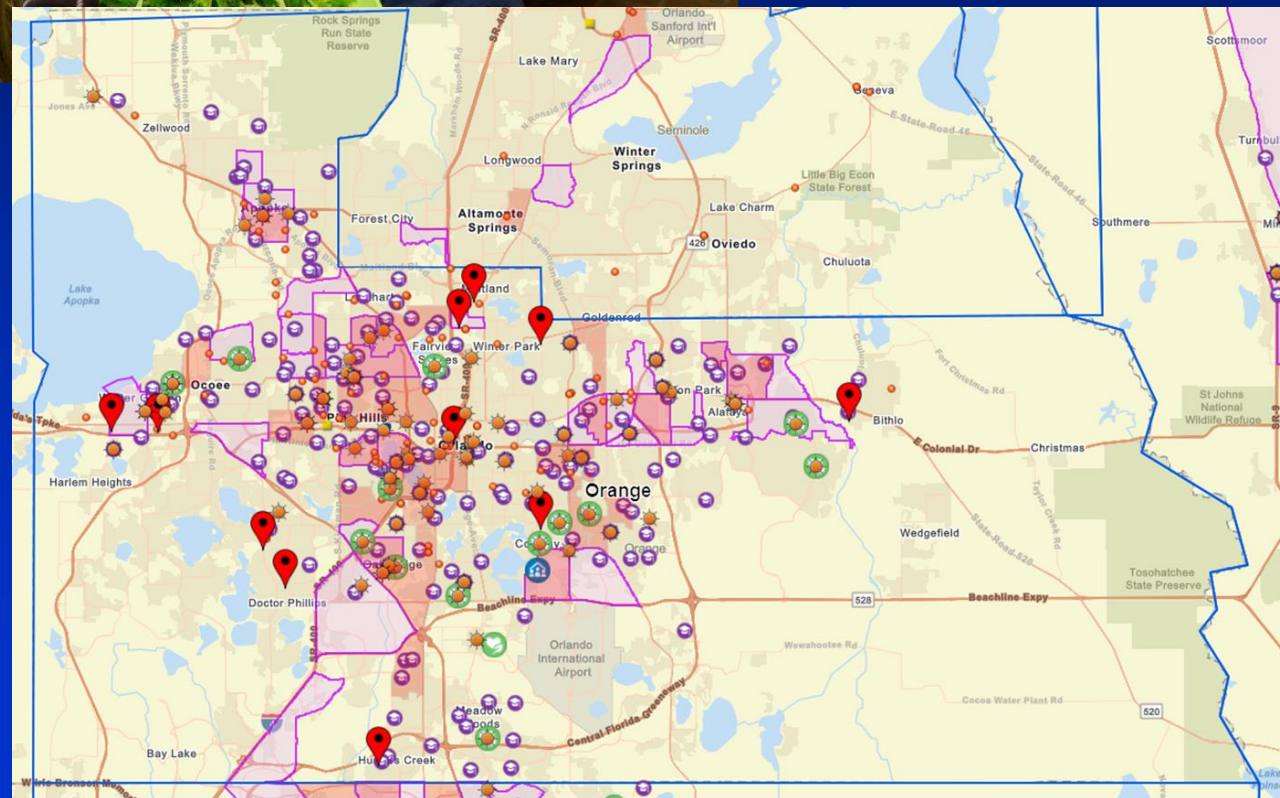
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# Family Nutrition Program







# 4-H Youth Development





# Overall by the numbers...



Orange County Board of County Commissioners

**\$1,399,148**



University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

**\$1,489,901**



United States Department of Agriculture

**\$153,890**





# Orange County Extension 2020 Volunteer Commitments

439 Registered Volunteers/22,750 hours

• **\$549,185 Service to Orange County\***

- Master Gardeners – 151
- 4-H Program Adult Volunteers – 176
- FCS Home & Community Educators – 16
- 9 Citizen Advisory Committees – 96

\*Based on \$24.14 per hour for Florida



403 jars (817 pounds) of peanut butter were donated  
and given to three local food pantries.



# Orange County Extension 2020 Educational & Clientele Contacts

- 2,035 educational events attended by 42,118 adults and youth
- 12,241 questions answered by phone
- 8,082 office visitors helped
- 1,378,550 television, newspaper, radio, website & magazine contacts per month





## In 2021...

- **Key Issue(s):** Using and applying UF's new artificial intelligence supercomputer/ capability to solve local problems.
- **Continuing to provide in-person services and balancing the health and safety of the team and the citizens we serve.**
- **Budget Issues:** Monitoring and conservatively spending current state appropriation and grant funding in the event of pull back in the spring.
- **Establishment of Resources through Collaboration and Partnership**
- **To Continue to Reach all Underserved Audiences**
- **To Strengthen our Program Marketing/Reach**





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