



Extension

A YEAR IN REVIEW 2020

# New Hampshire

County Contributions  
**\$2.9M**

State Contributions  
**\$7.6M\***

These contributions leveraged an additional

**\$7.7M**

in federal funds, grants, program income and gifts.

## Agricultural Support

**\$1.5M**

distributed to farms

Developed a program with N.H. Dept. of Agriculture to expend CARES Act funds for farms hurt by the pandemic. Staff assisted farmers with writing applications for these funds.

Created Food and Agriculture COVID information webpage.

**5,676**  
total pageviews

**25**  
blog posts

**400-900**  
unique pageviews per blog

## Forest Land Management Technical Assistance

**\$1.1M**

generated in timber production and tax revenue

**861**  
large woodlot owners

**53,650**  
acres improved

Provided technical assistance to woodlot owners resulting in improved acreage through forest management practices.

**161**  
workshops

**100**  
N.H. Licensed Foresters

**200**  
N.H. Certified Loggers

Natural Resources professionals offered workshops to help N.H. foresters and loggers gain or maintain state certification.

## Community Capacity-building

Specialists worked with:

**1,379** agricultural businesses

**289** natural resources businesses

**502** other businesses

## Youth and Families

**11,931** youth participated in 4-H/Extension programs

**\$3.5M** extramural funds

**\$928K** grant

Extension received a SAMHSA grant to provide resources and workshops to help fight the opioid epidemic.

## COVID-19 Safety Training

Developed training to educate organizations and volunteers on how to keep safe while volunteering outdoors.

**198**  
organizations

**2,287**  
volunteers

**4,022** volunteers

**158,881** hours

**\$4.1M\*\*** value of volunteer time

\*In 2020, for every \$1.00 that counties contributed, UNH provided \$2.03 of statewide resources.

\*\*State Values of Volunteer Time (N.H.): \$26.23; [independentsector.org/](http://independentsector.org/)

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# Statewide Highlights 2020

MAKING LIFE **BETTER** IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



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## COVID-19 Response

During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, UNH Extension staff and specialists identified and addressed critical needs online or through physical distancing. Some of our work included:

- Connecting residents with food and essential supplies
- Supporting and collaborating with farmers
- Helping businesses navigate executive orders
- Providing educational resources to K-12 parents, students and teachers
- Sharing practical information about sanitation and public health
- Guiding conversations about mental health

## Trusted Source for Green Industries

Extension is the primary source of research-based information for the state in the areas of agriculture, landscape services, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture. These industries account for numerous jobs and a high economic impact for our state.

**26,472** jobs

**\$3.69B** economic impact\*\*

*"I have relied on UNH Cooperative Extension many times over the years. Extension has been my 'go to' for answers to my questions regarding farming and ag business. When COVID-19 put a wrench in farm operations, Extension was the first place I called. Without the guidance of Extension in 2020, my little farm would no longer be in business."*

» Eric Milligan, New Hampshire Mushroom Company, LLC

## Healthcare Savings

**\$8.1M** in healthcare savings

Extension's Nutrition Connections program for low-income participants provided millions in savings on future healthcare system costs.\*



\*Based on research showing that every \$1 spent on healthcare education yields \$10 savings in future healthcare costs. Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior, An Economic Evaluation of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program: [jnneb.org/article/S1499-4046\(07\)00968-2/fulltext](http://jnneb.org/article/S1499-4046(07)00968-2/fulltext)

\*\*Farm Credit East, 2020.