

10. UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

A viable University of Illinois Extension will help individuals, families, farms, businesses, and communities adapt to change in an increasingly technical world. The University of Illinois Extension and the Land Grant University system must maintain the expertise needed to train competent people for programs in agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer science, 4-H and youth development, and community and economic development. To meet these goals, the University of Illinois Extension should:

1. Be a conduit for information exchange between the research community, farmers, and the citizens of Illinois.
2. Increase clientele access to and understanding of multi-media data information systems.
3. Assess the needs of their clientele and focus their efforts on these needs.
4. Maintain fair and equal access to the University of Illinois Extension resources, information, and programs.
5. Give counties more flexibility in the hiring practices of educators. The university should develop options where units may join together to hire specialist(s) to help more farmers and individuals at the county level.
6. Educate the general public that the University of Illinois Extension is a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
7. Educate the general public about production agriculture's primary contribution to the food, fiber, nursery and greenhouse growing industries and other U.S. food sources.

We support:

1. Continued public funding of the University of Illinois Extension and urge county Farm Bureaus to participate in the development of the University of Illinois Extension as an efficient educational organization in their county and support the continuation of basic agricultural education programs for Illinois families.
2. Requiring a full accounting of all transactions of the Extension Unit to be presented to that Unit's Advisory Council at each regular meeting.
3. Maintaining the conference judging format in order to ensure maximum 4-H member participation and encourage public display of these projects.