

# UT Extension Roane County

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# What is Extension?

- An “Extension” of the University of Tennessee
  - Specifically the Institute of Agriculture
- Provide research-based education and information about agriculture, family and consumer sciences, and resource development to Tennesseans where they live and work.

# Staff

- Jessica Wilkinson, Extension Agent for Agriculture
- Kim Whitlock, Extension Agent for 4-H Youth
- Penny Perry, TNCEP
- Linda Cox, Administrative Assistant
- Vacant, Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences and County Director

# What is Extension? (cont)

- 3 areas of focus in Roane
  - Agriculture and Natural Resources
  - Family and Consumer Sciences
    - TNCEP
  - 4-H Youth Development

# Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Master Gardeners
- Master Beef Producers
- Consumer Horticulture
- Beef Quality Assurance
- Assist Farmers with TAEP cost-share process
- Support local Agriculture
- Developing:
  - Disaster Preparedness Education

# TNCEP

- Tennessee Nutrition and Consumer Education Program
- Education for SNAP benefit recipients along with those eligible for benefits
- Works with housing authorities, health department, senior meal sites, local schools

# By the Numbers

- Direct Contact Methods 2016 to date

Method	Number Methods	Contacts Reached
Client Visits to Extension Office	60	111
Direct Mail / Telephone Calls (this will include electronic mail)	220	534
Group Meetings / Demonstrations	59	535
On-Site Visits (Farm, Home, and Workplace)	12	71
Total	351	1251

# By the Numbers (cont.)

- Outcomes (Agriculture 2015):
  - 9 Extension Master Gardener interns received 40 hours of training and increased knowledge in plant and soil science principles, landscape design and maintenance, pest and disease control, fruit and vegetable production, and environmental stewardship of water and soil resources and 9 became Certified Tennessee Extension Master Gardener volunteers.
  - 44 Extension Master Gardener Volunteers (certified and interns) completed 356.75 continuing education hours and contributed 1961.25 hours of service to assist and/or educate consumers their communities.
  - 20 home lawn insect, disease and weed samples submitted for identification and control recommendations.
  - 15 home lawn soil samples submitted for testing

# Cost-Benefit Analysis

- For every \$1 in public funds invested in UT Extension programs, an estimated \$8.13 is returned to the people of Tennessee.
  - (J. Donaldson, Extension Evaluation and Staff Development)