

The land-grant college or university in each State has a staff of professionally trained specialists in agriculture, home economics, and related subjects.

The State extension services, cooperating with county governments, employ the county agricultural, home economics, and 4-H Club agents.

3. History

The Cooperative Extension Service was created by an act of Congress on May 8, 1914. The act states that the purpose of the extension work is " * * * to aid in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects relating to agricultural and home economics, and to encourage the application of the same."

From the beginning, when the Secretary of Agriculture assigned one person to help the Texas farmers battle the Mexican boll weevil, this program has expanded to the present, when extension offices are located in approximately 3,100 counties throughout the Nation.

4. Level of operations. (See table 1.)

Program: Cooperative extension service.

Department or agency, and office or bureau; Department of Agriculture.

TABLE 1.—Level of operations or performance, fiscal years 1964-65, and estimated level of operations, fiscal years 1966-67¹

Measure	Unit	Fiscal year			
		1964	1965	1966	1967 budget esti- mate
(a) Magnitude of program.....	Millions of families.....	12.5	12.7	13.0	14.0
(b) Applicants or participants:					
State government agencies.....		51	51	51	51
Local communities or governments.....		3,100	3,100	3,100	3,100
Individuals or families.....		12.5	12.7	13.0	14.0
Other (specify).....					
(c) Federal finances:					
Appropriations available.....	Millions of dollars.....	80.2	85.9	89.1	90.2
Obligations incurred.....	do.....	79.5	85.4	89.2	90.2
Allotments or commitments made.....					
(d) Matching or additional expenditures for the program (State and local funds).....	Millions of dollars.....	110.8			
(e) Number of Federal Government employees; administrative, supervisory, and program specialists.....		243	247	252	252
(f) Non-Federal personnel employed in the program.....		14,830	15,020	15,100	15,120
(g) Other measures of level or magnitude of performance; local voluntary leaders.....	Millions of persons.....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4

¹ Based on need. Not readily determined at this time.

5. Estimated magnitude of program in 1970.

Not answered.

6. Prospective changes in program orientation

The Cooperative Extension Service has made substantial changes in years past in its program effort and program design. It has made adjustments in these program efforts during periods of national emergency, such as war and depression. It has made substantial adjustments in its programs in recent years, recognizing the changes in the characteristics of rural areas.

Continued changes will be required in order to devote a higher portion of extension resources to resource development and con-