

# A YEAR IN REVIEW 2021 New Hampshire

County Contributions \$2.7M

State Contributions **\$8M**<sup>\*</sup> These contributions leveraged an additional

**\$8.1**м

in federal funds, grants, program income and gifts

### Food and Agriculture

\$1.2м

procured in new capital as specialists worked with farmers to implement business plans

**11,495** downloads of the newly created Granite State Gardening Podcast

Assisted **15** farms in the development of farm transfer or succession plans, preserving **4,191** acres of farmland and maintaining **195** jobs, generating **\$13.5** million in revenue. Their assets, land and buildings are valued at **\$29.8** million.

#### Natural Resources

\$2.9M

increase in future production value of forest products (lumber, furniture, wood chips for fuel, etc)

Consulted with 1,334 landowners who manage 60,184 acres

**\$1.13** million generated in forest product sales and tax revenue

**9,535** additional acres of NH forest managed with forest management plans

### **Community and Economic Development**

\$500к

in grants and resources leveraged to support economic development projects

- **12** municipalities worked with Extension specialists
- 5 new businesses/enterprises were launched

### Youth and Families

## **\$1.5**M

USDA and SAMHSA grant is funding programs to help Granite Staters lead healthy, active lives, reduce healthcare costs and curb opioid misuse

**2,884** youth and adults participated in healthy living and nutrition education programs

**2,665** youth enrolled in 4-H agriscience, STEM and healthy living programs

**600** people received mental health training and wellness education

**629** teachers trained in Next Generation Science Standards

**249** older adults helped through chronic disease and pain self management and Walk with Ease programs

**109K** people reached via social media campaigns focused on nutrition, food safety, food access and physical activities

4,543 volunteers

130,594 hours

**\$3.8**M\*\*

value of volunteer time

\*In 2021, for every \$1.00 that counties contributed, UNH provided \$2.03 of statewide resources.

\*\*State Values of Volunteer Time (NH): \$28.54; independentsector.org/

# Statewide Highlights 2021

MAKING LIFE BETTER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

# **TH** Extension

## **Economic Expertise**

- Dairy specialists worked with ten farms to identify and initiate changes to improve milking parlor efficiencies, increasing production and quality while supporting animal comfort
- Extension's crop weather monitoring stations and plant disease forecasting tools were utilized by 76 apple growers to make informed decisions and avoid unnecessary pesticide applications
- Extension forestry specialists trained 201 forest industry professionals

### **Community Development**

- Community and economic development specialists helped expand a makerspace and business incubator in Concord and helped generate facade improvements to five downtown buildings in Pittsfield
- Efforts to increase tourism and nature economy have included a regional branding and marketing campaign to promote the Sugar River Region in Sullivan, a plan to expand biking trails in Northfield and neighboring towns, and installation of signage to guide trail users to downtown businesses and services in Bristol

Extension specialists worked with **2,483** NH businesses

## Lifelong Learning

- Food safety specialists provided certification opportunities to food service workers from schools, hospitals, food pantries and other public establishments
- Natural resources specialists brought together 85 communities for a land conservation conference called Saving Special Places
- The 4-H Virtual Club reached 220 youth and summer programming reached over 400 children

### **COVID-19** Response

- With N.H. Department of Agriculture, secured \$500,000 USDA-NIFA State Department of Agriculture Farmer, Rancher Stress Assistance Network grant to raise awareness, provide education and offset costs related to farmers' mental health
- With \$225,000 in funding from the Extension Foundation, provided research-based information to North Country and Strafford County communities to support informed vaccination choices
- Provided hands-on training to teach community members how to build a greenhouse at Winnisquam Middle School; this led to a gardening curriculum for students during hybrid learning
- With \$680,000 from a USDA grant, provided agriscience-based remote learning experiences to 800 rural elementary school children