## Food and Agriculture

| 80 | farm businesses received technical assistance, leading to greater profitability and environmental sustainability |

## Natural Resources

| 644 | acres managed with forest stewardship plans |

| 62,525 | feet of improved or constructed forestland roads and trails on private lands |

Provided technical assistance with funding from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Helped Laconia work on its natural resources inventory with wildlife as an initial focus

## Community and Economic Development

Co-founded the Foothills Foundation in the Northfield-Tilton Region

The organization focuses on promoting outdoor recreation and expanding the local and regional economy; they completed a trail plan to connect trail users to natural, cultural and recreational assets of the region

| 172 volunteers | 5,985 hours | $170K** value of volunteer time |

*In 2021, for every $1.00 that Belknap contributed, UNH provided $2.60 of statewide resources.

**State Values of Volunteer Time (NH): $28.54; independentsector.org/
## Statewide Highlights 2021

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

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