



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Agriculture and Natural Resources

FFY2025 UCCE Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, and Tuolumne

Successes

- Growth of relationships with network of agricultural organizations, land conservancies, and educators in the region.
- 39 site gardens reinvigorated, expanded, or maintained.

Results

Youth

- 4,010 youth lesson participants.
- *"I learned about the 5 food groups, I also learned about how to use a knife safely, I learned how to cook healthy and eat healthy!"* – Calaveras County student.

Adult

- 255 adult lesson participants.
- *"[This class] has helped [me] incorporate more ingredients into foods for picky eaters."* – Infant Child Enrichment Services Participant.

Organizational

- 42 sites/organizations made 197 positive changes to policies, systems, and physical environments.



Improving California's Health Through CalFresh Healthy Living

UCCE Central Sierra serves El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne Counties, and is the bridge between local challenges and the educational and research expertise of the University of California.

Serving Individuals and Communities

- Education is offered at 66 different sites, including 26 schools, 16 early care and education facilities, adult education facilities, family resource centers, before and after school programs, food banks, and congregant meal sites.
- Program focus areas include evidence-based nutrition curriculum in schools, CATCH Physical Activity; school gardens, Harvest of the Month, and other farm-to-school initiatives; youth engagement; and community activities serving adults.

Providing Education

- In FFY2025, 5,618 direct educational contacts were made (5,363 youth, 255 adult), teaching 1,351 sessions for a total of 1,061 instructional hours. In addition, an estimated 56,643 indirect educational contacts were made.

Helping to Make Organizational and Environmental Changes

- As a result of changes made by partnering organizations, an estimated 12,503 people at 42 different sites have greater opportunities to make healthier choices.
- The most common changes made were expanding school gardens, initiating farm-to-school initiatives, implementing school and organizational wellness policies, youth engagement, and Smarter Lunchrooms Movement.

Serving California Agriculture

- Participants learned about food produced in their county through 39 garden PSEs, expanded cafeteria procurement, Harvest of the Month tastings, and in-person seasonal cooking classes.

Building Partnerships

- 40 collaborative partnerships have been established, including UCCE Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers, Mother Lode Land Trust, Ag in the Classroom, Calaveras Unified School District, South Lake Tahoe Unified School District, and the Boys and Girls Club of South Lake Tahoe.

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