The Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890 created the land-grant university system, a revolution in higher learning that made advanced knowledge of agriculture, science and engineering more accessible to all Americans. Today, the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences fulfills the land-grant promise by educating new generations of innovators and problem solvers, conducting scientific research, and applying science-based information to the task of sustaining and enhancing the quality of human life.
The research mission of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) is to discover new knowledge, encourage innovative study and create applications based on sound science that delivers solutions to challenges facing agriculture, natural resources and interrelated human systems in Florida, our country and the world.
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THE PATHWAY TO THE WORLD BEGINS AT OUR FRONT DOOR

In communities throughout Florida’s 67 counties, UF/IFAS Extension acts as a front door to the research and education resources of the University of Florida. Extension is represented by thousands of experts in many fields, all working for one goal: Helping people get the science-based information they need to solve their everyday problems. From commercial agriculture to neighborhood gardens, from feeding the world to watching what we eat, from saving the environment to saving for college, Extension professionals are local experts working for global change, one community at a time.

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**ISSUE**
How can we keep Florida agriculture competitive and sustainable?

**SOLUTIONS**
- UF/IFAS Extension is part of the Beef Reproduction Task Force, a multi-state effort that brings ranchers the latest information about cattle breeding studies and technologies, to help boost calving rates.
- We educate agricultural producers with field days and demonstration plots across the state, and educate the public with open-house events including the popular Family Day at the Dairy Farm and a new landscaping and gardening event.
- To respond faster to crop diseases threatening Florida farms, we opened the University of Florida Plant Disease Identification Center in April 2013. The lab will process more than 2,500 samples a year.

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ISSUE
How can we prevent foodborne illness?

SOLUTIONS
- UF/IFAS Extension consumer food-safety publications from the EDIS online library can help you protect your family from dangerous bacteria such as E. coli and Listeria — at home or away.
- Our food-safety experts are educating tomato growers on statewide standards for safe tomato production. These standards are now required by law.
- Food safety is a big concern for hunters — or should be. So in the fall, UF/IFAS Extension experts offer a wild game processing workshop. Focusing on deer and wild hogs, the event includes how-to demonstrations.

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ISSUE
How can I beautify my lawn and garden?

SOLUTIONS
- UF/IFAS Extension offices in every county can put more green in your thumb with personalized advice about local growing conditions for ornamentals, food plants and turf.
- On our Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ website you can design a whole yard while learning about sustainable landscaping principles that save money and protect the environment.
- Want to grow datil peppers? Use a new groundcover? Trim your trees before the next hurricane? Try the EDIS Extension document system — it's online 24/7 and free.

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ISSUE
How can we use Florida's natural resources sustainably?

SOLUTIONS
- Water School is an innovative program that educates elected officials, government employees and citizens about watersheds and the impacts that people and industries have on them.
- We created the Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute, an eight-month program for industry professionals and others that includes seminars, activity sessions and projects where lessons are applied to real-world situations.
- When the world-famous Apalachicola Bay oyster fishery collapsed in 2012, experts from UF/IFAS and Florida Sea Grant joined forces with local seafood producers to analyze the situation and begin seeking solutions.

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ISSUE
How can I make sure my family eats right?

SOLUTIONS
- We help Floridians make healthier food choices with programs based on the federal 'MyPlate' nutritional recommendations.
- We are part of the Florida Farm to School Program, bringing fresh, local foods to grade-school cafeterias, along with nutrition education.
- UF/IFAS Extension offices across the state offer workshops and literature on home gardening, canning, cooking and other money-saving topics.
- The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) help limited-resource families eat better on a budget.

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ISSUE
How can we protect Florida’s water supply?

SOLUTIONS
- The UF/IFAS Extension Water Initiative is expanding and improving our water-related programming.
- The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program promotes sustainable lawn-care and gardening practices.
- Our Water School program teaches elected officials, government workers and citizens about watersheds and how human activities impact them.

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