

State Report
University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension
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- * Wendy Brock, Extension Specialist in 4-H Youth Development at the University of Iowa begins August 6 as **Program Leader, 4-H Youth Development**.
- * National search underway for **Program Leader, Agricultural Resources**. Review of applications begins August 31.
- * Charles French, formerly Economic Development Educator at the University of Illinois started June 11 as **Extension Specialist, Communities** to lead Cooperative Extension's expanding initiative to work with communities to address their issues, expand civic involvement, and strengthen leadership and decision-making capabilities.
- * **Engagement and Outreach** is one of four priority areas in the newly created University of New Hampshire Strategic Plan. Cooperative Extension is consistently cited throughout the plan as an integral component of the university, and particularly to achieve the university's goal:
 - revitalize its land grant mission and responsibilities, and become a more engaged university to support the well-being of people and communities.
 - be more accessible and responsive to the citizens of the state.
 - increase citizen recognition of the importance and value of the active engagement of faculty, extension educators and students throughout the state to the state's well-being.
 - respond to the state's public policy problems and the need for highly skilled technology workers with multi-disciplinary responses and objective information.
 - engage in regional approaches to issues of common interest beyond state boundaries.
 - create more integration among NH Public Television, Cooperative Extension, UNH Library, Division of Continuing Education, and UNH's academic and research areas.
 - use the capability of NH Public Television and other technology networks to enhance public service and outreach.
 - better value and reward faculty public service and outreach efforts.
- * In conjunction with creation of the university's strategic plan, Cooperative Extension is creating an aligned plan with the following four broad goals to:
 1. Enhance responsiveness to the significant critical and emerging issues in a changing society.
 2. Increase its presence and involvement across the UNH campus, becoming a major outreach system and a central link between New Hampshire people and UNH resources.
 3. Create a clear identity and become more widely-known, used and supported by NH residents and elected officials as the source of credible, unbiased, university-based education and information.
 4. Create a more effective, cohesive organization, based on clarity of direction and shared priorities and goals.