

# How UC Cooperative Extension is working for you!



**Teaching Farmers.** UCCE Horticulture Program provided 122 hours of training to more than 602 farmers. A six-week farm business planning class and Beginning Farming Academies helped over 30 producers understand the importance of planning for profitability. The focus on farm business training has resulted in positive outcomes for producers in Placer and Nevada Counties. In a recent survey, 85.7% of local producers who participated in farm business training reported being profitable as compared to 24.8% reported in the last (2012) USDA Census of Agriculture.

**Teaching Ranchers.** UCCE Livestock and Natural Resources Program provided 130 hours of training to more than 973 producers. Extensive support and facilitation was provided to local producers in Placer and Nevada Counties in the development of a business plan for a USDA inspected harvest and processing facility proposed to be located in Placer County.



**Helping Reduce Obesity in Local Youth.** Over 2,900 low-income Placer and Nevada County school children received nutrition education through UCCE CalFresh developed curriculum. Over 10,000 CalFresh eligible adults received nutrition education through workshops, newsletters and social media. Nutrition BEST provided nutrition education, weekly box of produce from a local farm to over 96 Early Head Start families for 22 weeks and 1,000 produce vouchers to Placer County families. 4-H Eating Healthy from Farm to Fork worked with 180 afterschool youth on nutrition education, gardening, and farm tours.

**Creating Tomorrows Leaders.** There are 1,206 4-H club members in Placer and Nevada Counties. Over 302 youth served as officers or teen leaders in their 4-H community clubs. There were over 61 junior camp counselors who led activities to over 290 campers. A total of 347 adult volunteers provided 30,000 hours of support to 4-H members. The 4-H Embryology project reached 4,710 youth using 125 incubators provided by UC Cooperative Extension.



**Providing Home Horticulture Information.** The Master Gardener program has provided home horticulture information to Placer and Nevada County residents for 33 years. Master Gardener programs gave 55 workshops and provided over 15,500 hours of volunteer service. Master Gardener outreach and education reached over 14,000 people through 240 trained volunteers. A Master Gardener 16 week training for new volunteers will occur in 2017.