**2022-2023 ECOP/CES Highlights**

* **Hired Bill Hoffman as the Executive Director of the Cooperative Extension System and ECOP; former Chief of Staff for the Director, USDA/NIFA**
* **Created a planning team for building a coalition to advocate for increases in capacity funding for Extension**
* **Formulated 2024-2026 strategic directions for Cooperative Extension**
* **Supported 7 on-going Program Action Teams and created one new one, Food Systems and Food Waste (**[**www.pats.extension.org**](http://www.pats.extension.org)**). The original 7 (with key leads and NIFA liaisons) are:**
  + **Climate Extension - Jason Henderson, Ros McCann/Eric Norland**
  + **Workforce Development - Ivory W. Lyles, Mike Gutter, Rob Russell/Carlos Ortiz**
  + **Health Extension - Roger Rennekamp/Suzanne Stluka, Sheila Fleischhacker, and Ahlishia Shipley**
  + **4-H Positive Youth Development - Ed Jones/Shannon Horrillo**
  + **Urban Ag and Food Systems – Andra Johnson, Katherine Williams, Jeff Young/Jessica Shade**
  + **Broadband/Infrastructure (access and literacy) – Laura Johnson, Rachel Welborn/Sarah Rocker**
  + **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) – Carolyn Williams/Maurice Smith**
* **Conducted Cooperative Extension Salary/FTE Survey (in progress)**
* **Extension Foundation -- Funding Awarded**
  + **New Technologies for Ag Extension (Oklahoma State University & USDA-NIFA) continuation of the $7.4M grant**
  + **Pesticide Safety Education Funds Management Program (EPA) $1.5M**
  + **EXCITE program - Extension Collaborative on Immunization Teaching & Engagement (CDC & USDA continuation of the $17.7M**
  + **Workforce CAP (USDA-NIFA)\* $10M**
  + **FADI-EDEN (USDA-NIFA)\* $378K**
  + **22007 Outreach Support Service (USDA-AFT)\* $750K**
  + **NextGen Technical Advising Service (USDA)\* $2.37M**
  + **Provided support for all PATs (EXF with NTAE) $175K**
  + **The Extension Foundation has created the National Registry of Cooperative Extension Programs and Assets (NRCEPA) to assist Extension professionals to quickly find other like-programming efforts across the system to reduce duplication of work, and help speed up access to digital assets that would be useful to the development of new programs. (**[**https://extension.org/tools/registry/**](https://extension.org/tools/registry/)**)**
* **Health Extension – The Collective for Health Equity and Well-Being reports that:** 
  + **1,988 Extension professionals belong to The Collective for Health Equity and Well-Being (a community of practice for health-focused Extension professionals).  A new community of practice is being organized around mental health.**
  + **A health point of contact exists at each 1862 and 1890 institution to facilitate two-way communication with LGUs.**
  + **2024 National Health Outreach and Engagement Conference will be held May 13-15 in Greenville, SC.**
  + **A metrics work group is identifying a set of health-related outcome measures for which data can be aggregated nationally.**