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Back to Our Roots

LUCAS COUNTY

The Ohio State University Extension

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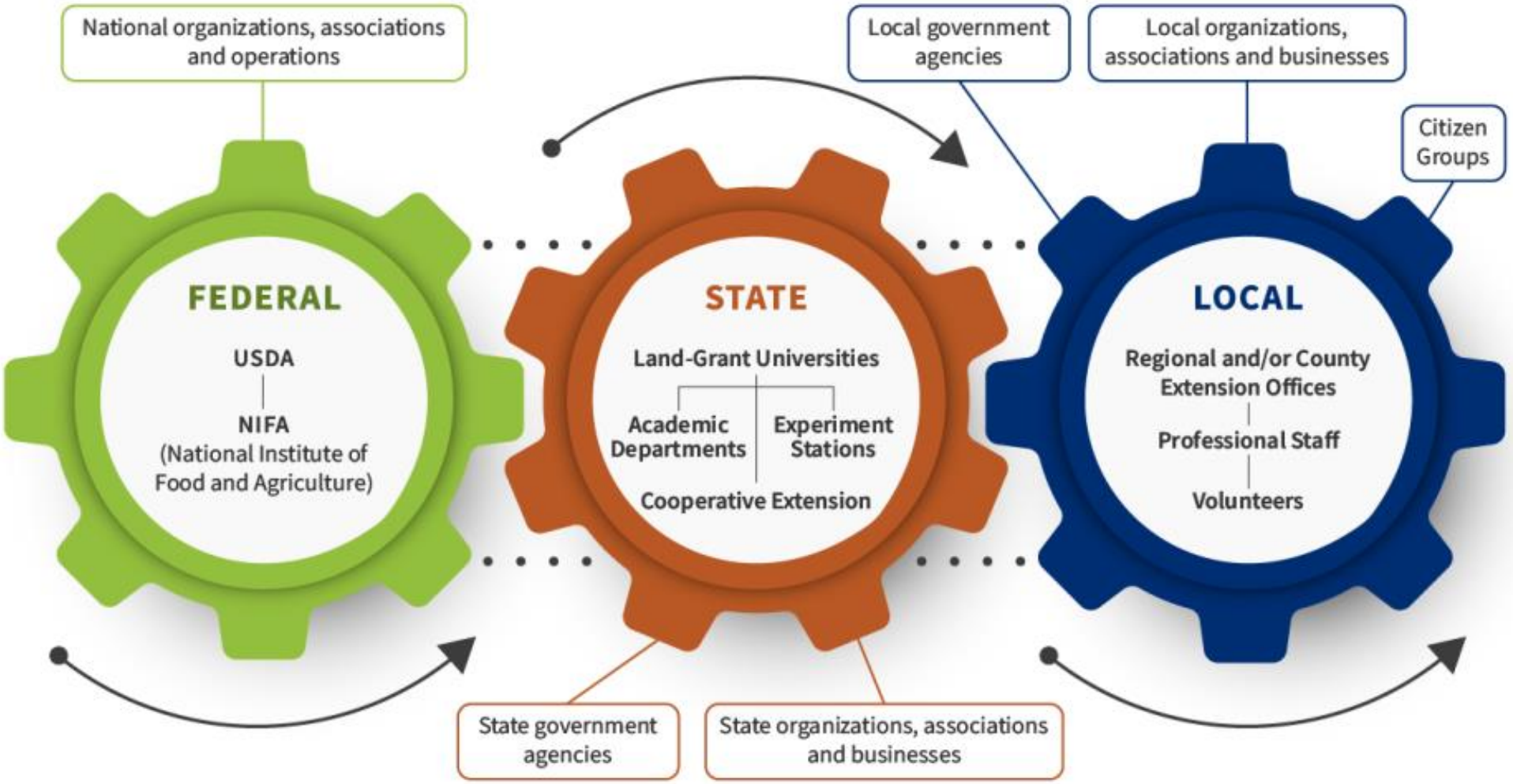
4-H Youth Development

1902 A.B. Graham launched the Boys and Girls Agricultural Experiment Clubs in Clark County, OH, later named 4-H.

The Smith Lever Act 1914

Established the national Cooperative Extension Service



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Agriculture and Natural Resources

1917, Ray Donnan, first county agricultural agent in Lucas County with a $1,500 appropriation from the board of county commissioners

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OSU Extension, Lucas County 1917

Ray Donnan was charged to "rouse the county to the need for an increased production of food." "Boys and Girls 4-H Club work was soon organized and undertaken with enthusiasm" in Lucas County.

TODAY IS GOING TO BE

THE BEST

TOMORROW WILL BE

EVEN BETTER

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Family and Consumer Sciences

1918, first Home Extension Agent in Lucas County, Alice Swisher gave baking and canning demonstrations, including stretching wheat flours by various mixes.

U.S. Food Administration Poster
[between 1914 and 1918]

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Agriculture and Natural Resources

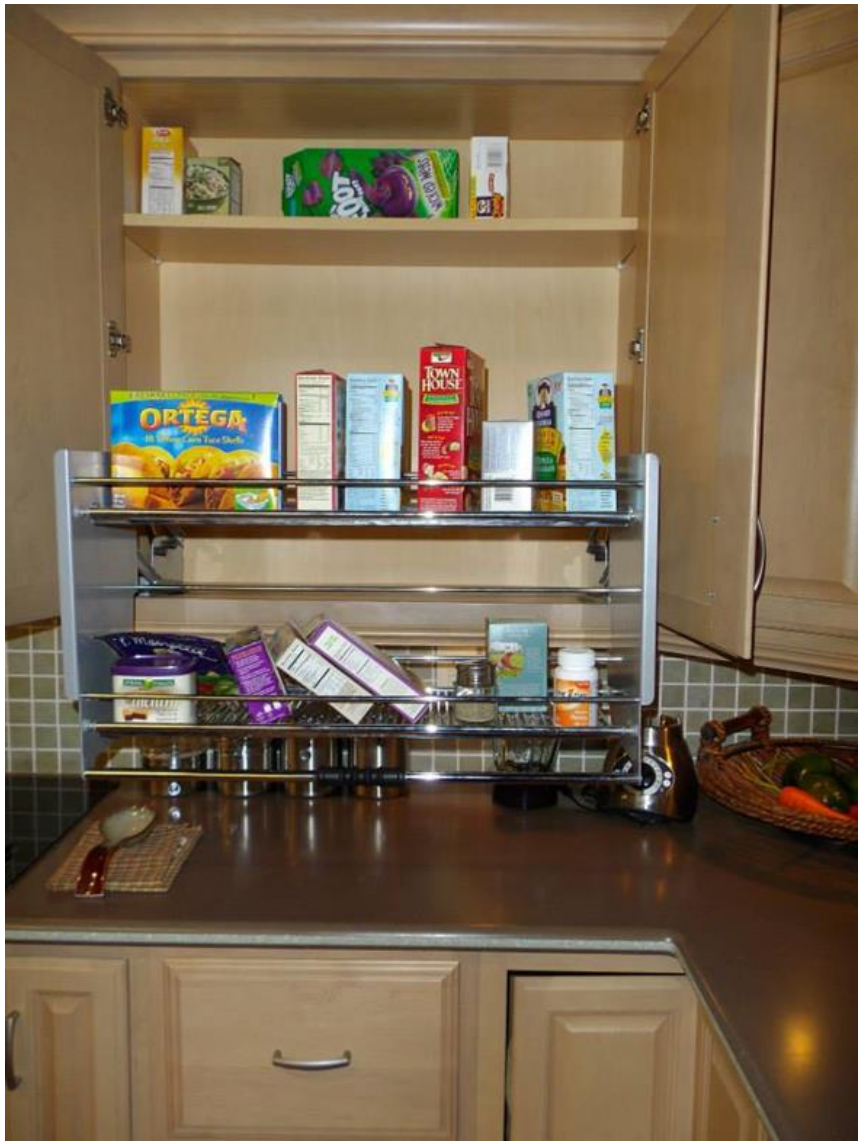
1932, when farmers couldn't afford gasoline for tractors, Ohio State University extension taught farmers how to use tandem teams to pull tractor-drawn plows.

Universal Design

1960, Helen McCullough and Mary Farnham, from the University of Illinois conducted an experiment to determine the optimal kitchen designs for women in wheelchairs.

Universal Design

Today Universal Design is a holistic approach to the design of products and environments (indoors and outdoors) that are functional, attractive, and support independence for people of all ages and abilities.



Brutus, November 1965
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Master Gardener Volunteers

Photo: Washington State University College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resources (began 1972)

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Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN)

OCVN with the Metropark's rare plant monitoring program.

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Upcoming Community Programs

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Ongoing and Online Programs

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Flyers

Upcoming Community Programs

- Wits Workout, Oregon Library (July and Aug)
- Lagrange Library Blender Bike (July)
- Home Food Preservation, Ebeid (Aug)
- Smart Families, Smart Screens Technology Kit (Aug)
- ServSafe Food Safety Food Manager with Fulton County (Dec)

Ongoing and Online Programs

- Lucas County Food Assistance Resource Guide 2026
- EFNEP classes
- Strong Couples Project
- Homebuyer Workshops