



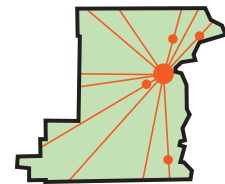
# Investing in a **VIBRANT** BENTON COUNTY

**Building** a community of health, **improving** farming practices and profitability, **developing** community horticulture, **strengthening** youth resiliency and college readiness, and **enhancing** natural resources.

## HOW WE SERVE YOU

OSU Extension Service provides reliable, unbiased, research-based education and advice to help Benton County residents make informed decisions. Access is affordable—often offered at no-cost—through one-on-one conversations with experts, workshops, publications, hotlines, online classes, websites, and youth development clubs and activities.

## WHERE WE SERVE YOU



Communities, forests and farmland across Benton County

## VOLUNTEERING BY THE NUMBERS



**55,800**

HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Equivalent to 27 full-time employees

**465**

TRAINED VOLUNTEERS



465 volunteers increase Extension program impact and develop community resiliency



**\$1,574,700**

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME TO BENTON COUNTY

Source: *Independentsector.org*



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## ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES IN BENTON COUNTY

Extension faculty, staff, and trained volunteers work alongside partners across Benton County to provide educational workshops, activities and services tailored to the unique industries, natural resources, and demographics in our communities.

Oregon State University's land grant mission drives us to conduct research and share research-based education to minimize community risk, improve economic vitality, and promote personal and environmental health.

### Agriculture, Small Farms, and Master Gardeners



**Encouraging food systems resiliency**, productivity, and natural resource management. Supporting small farms, field and grass seed growers, Christmas tree growers, gardeners, community gardens, and the local ag industry through trainings, research, technical support, networks, and expert advice.

### Family and community health



**Partnering with families, organizations, and communities** to enhance health and wellness for every stage of life. Building knowledge and skills through nutrition education, Master Food Preserver classes, Better Bones and Balance® strength training programs, and collaborative community coalitions.

### Youth outreach



**Investing in the future by building confidence**, resiliency, civic mindedness in our youth and releasing every student's potential. Engaging local youth, families, schools, and colleges to foster essential life skills, leadership, careers, health, and community food systems through 4-H and Juntos programs.

### Groundwater quality protection



**Helping rural people learn about and protect** their drinking water supply. Providing people with the knowledge to understand environmental connections between activities on the surface and groundwater.

### Forestry and natural resources



**Ensuring our forests are resilient** and continue to provide the wide array of benefits that we treasure — now and always. Supporting woodland owners, communities, and industry in natural resource management through trainings, research, Master Woodland Manager volunteers, citizen scientists, technical support, and expert advice.

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### OSU Extension Service Resources

**Publications:** [catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu](http://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu)  
**Ask an Expert:** [extension.oregonstate.edu/extension-ask-an-expert](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/extension-ask-an-expert)  
**Food Preservation Hotline:** 800-354-7319  
(available mid-July through mid-October)



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