

Extension history

President Wilson calls for food to 'win the war'

With world food supplies desperately low in 1916, Extension agents worked closely with farmers to aid the war effort. As the United States entered World War I, President Wilson provided \$4.3 million to national Extension under the Emergency Food Production Act. County agents responded to the call, "Food will win the war," by teaching people to grow and preserve more food and change cooking and eating habits. Home economists traveled out to the people around the state, teaching canning classes and providing recipes for meatless and wheatless meals. This was Extension's first response to a major emergency and a trademark of its mission.



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