

CULTIVATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

**Senate Agriculture Committee  
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**UVM Extension**  
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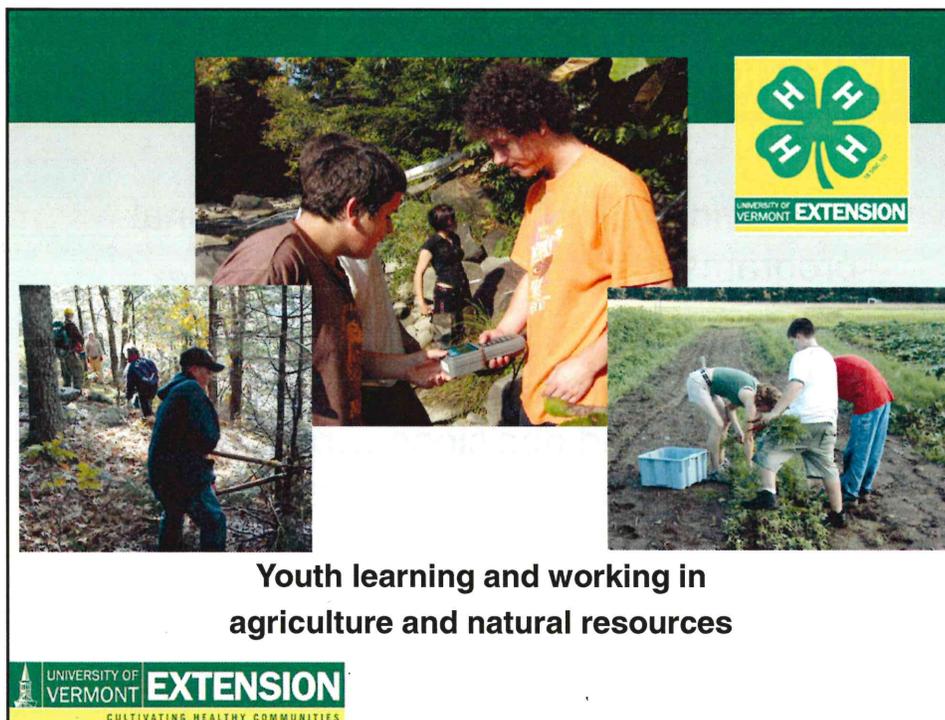
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT **EXTENSION**  
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## Mission

- ....provide research-based educational programs and practical information....
- Extension education....helping people make informed decisions....providing the information that helps change behavior....

## Priority Areas

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
  - water, energy, diversification, business
- Community and Youth Development
  - youth, family, economics, leadership
- Nutrition and Food Safety
  - local food systems, nutrition



Youth learning and working in agriculture and natural resources

## Overview

- Recent Faculty hires
  - Forestry, Diversified Livestock
  - Food Safety, Ag Engineer, Community Development
- All Faculty raised the bar
  - 7.46 million dollars of grants and contracts in FY14
- Farm and Forest Viability/Vegetable storage
- Cover crops/Nutrient management
- Health: PROSPER/GAPS/Food processing
- Food Systems Initiative
  - Summit
  - State Consortium



## Budget Outlook

- State appropriation
  - Cuts to UVM cuts UVM Extension
- Federal appropriation
  - Flat funding anticipated
- Contracts and grants serving Vermont
  - 7.46 million in 2014
- Development (target of \$200,000)
- Program and Expense Management (I/E)
- Incentive Based Budgeting (IBB)



## Summary

- Program Focus and Effectiveness
- Revenue Generation/Expense control
- Branding
- Keep our capabilities in mind....but also keep our limitations in mind as we move forward to cultivate healthy communities.



## Thank-you

- Tough decisions: Then and Now
  - I asked for time to show that Extension could deliver if given a chance.
  - We continue to positively impact the state.
  - Change makes us stronger and more focused.

