

# How will I ...

- » Get information I can trust?
- » Learn new skills that help me be successful?
- » Learn new approaches to solving problems?
- » Know our local needs have been heard without MU Extension?
- » Listen to our community needs and respond?



- » Survive in these tough economic times?
- » Start my new business?
- » Seek federal contracts?



- » Keep current in my profession?
- » Know my community has trained professionals?
- » Earn my MU degree without leaving home?



- » Ever be a home owner?
- » Care for my aging parents?
- » Make ends meet?
- » Stay healthy?



- » Keep my farming operation profitable in this stressful economic environment?
- » Know about the latest research related to agriculture?
- » Know I have safe, high-quality food?

- » Become a contributing member of my community?



- » Find resources to help in times of disaster?
- » Respond to a local disaster without MU Extension?
- » Know I will have safe drinking water?



**... if MU Extension loses \$14.6 million?**

# Without \$14.6 million, MU Extension cannot ...

**Develop youth into contributing, caring leaders.** With the proposed cuts, 24,500 of 104,000 young Missourians will lose access to 4-H Youth Development, and 1,715 FEWER youth might seek higher education, resulting in potential reduced lifetime earnings of \$2.85 billion.

**Prepare 6,000 of more than 20,000 local first responders** to protect their communities. Every hour of instruction received translates directly to safer firefighters and safer communities.

**Create 1,800 new jobs** annually to ensure an environmentally friendly, safe and affordable food supply.

**Work with small businesses.** Without MU Extension, Missouri's small businesses will NOT secure \$144 million in government contracts and \$70 million in increased sales or obtain \$35 million in new financing and \$3 million in grants to bring their products and services to market. Missouri will lose nearly \$1.5 million in state revenue and 3,700 jobs annually.

**Intervene in community emergencies.** As an example, in 2007, an early April freeze and a June flood threatened wheat and corn crops in Saline, Carroll and Chariton counties. MU Extension intervened so that 70,000 acres of soybeans were planted instead of corn, resulting in a harvest of \$1.2 million in wheat and \$1.6 million in soybeans.

**Help older Missourians** stay in their homes and live independently. With MU Extension programs like Stay Strong, Stay Healthy and Safeguard Your Savings, older adults are healthier, more independent and financially secure.

**Educate home buyers.** Elimination of the Home Buyer Education program could result in \$30.4 million in lost real estate sales annually, in addition to \$10.2 million saved in potential foreclosure costs.

**Match federal and foundation funding.** More than \$1 million in federal and foundation funding for health promotion and obesity prevention will be lost annually due to unavailable state matching funds. Consequently, families will lose more than \$8 million annually in future health-care savings.

**Leverage funding to address autism.** Funding of \$750,000 will be lost to provide educational services for families dealing with autism through MU Extension's partnership with the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurological Spectrum Disorders.

**Help communities generate resources.** Communities would lose \$61 million annually in resources generated by non-profits, local governments and other community groups to address community issues, economic development and emergency preparedness. Every dollar in preparedness saves \$3 in emergency and recovery expenses. Since 2003, MU Extension has helped 24 communities install emergency warning sirens, saving an estimated \$856,785 as well as untold lives.