

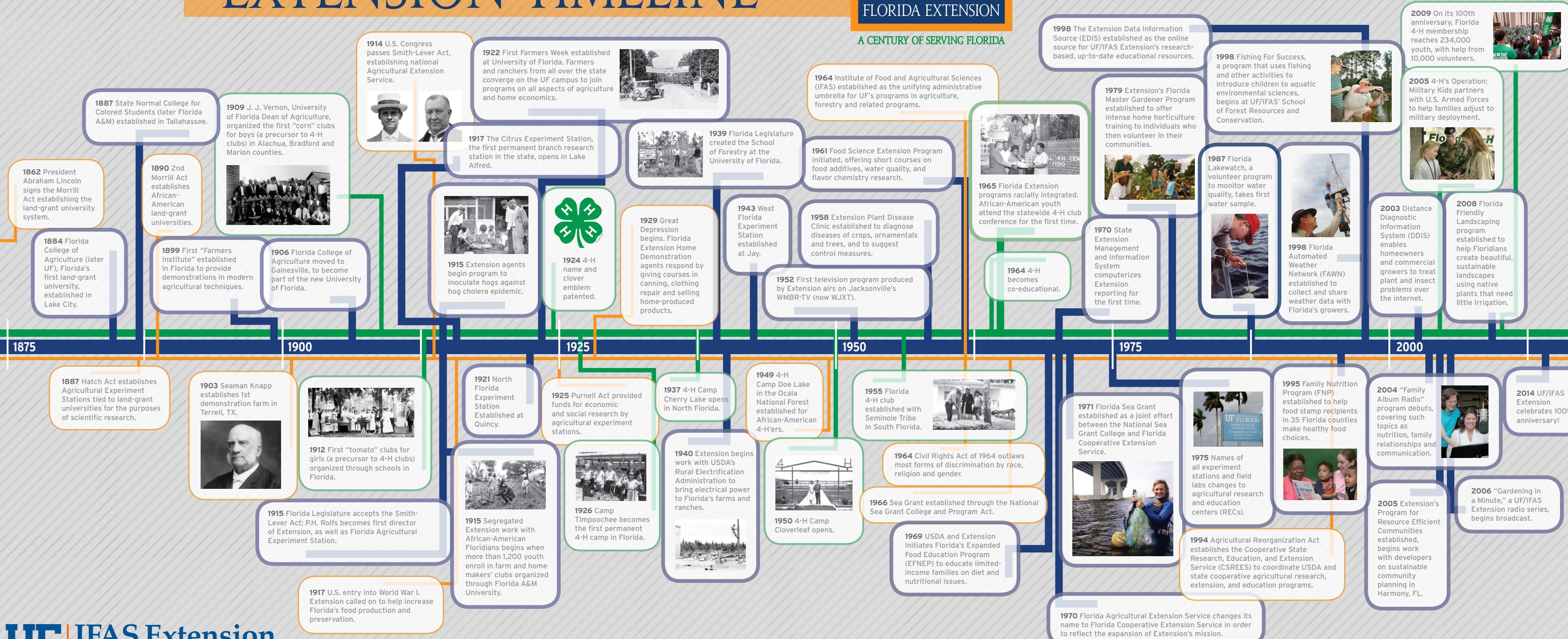
Florida 100 Years EXTENSION TIMELINE

100th Anniversary of FLORIDA EXTENSION

A CENTURY OF SERVING FLORIDA

UF/IFAS Extension is a partnership between state, federal and county governments to provide scientific knowledge and expertise to the public. The University of Florida (UF), together with Florida A&M University (FAMU), administers the Florida Cooperative Extension Service.

On our 100th Anniversary, UF/IFAS Extension is proud of its accomplishments, and we look continuously towards the future, finding solutions to the challenges we'll face over the next 100 years and sharing them to make life happier, healthier and more prosperous for you.



1875 1900 1925 1950 1975 2000

1887 State Normal College for Colored Students (later Florida A&M) established in Tallahassee.

1909 J. J. Vernon, University of Florida Dean of Agriculture, organized the first "corn" clubs for boys (a precursor to 4-H clubs) in Alachua, Bradford and Marion counties.

1914 U.S. Congress passes Smith-Lever Act, establishing national Agricultural Extension Service.

1922 First Farmers Week established at University of Florida. Farmers and ranchers from all over the state converge on the UF campus to join programs on all aspects of agriculture and home economics.

1917 The Citrus Experiment Station, the first permanent branch research station in the state, opens in Lake Alfred.

1939 Florida Legislature created the School of Forestry at the University of Florida.

1964 Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) established as the unifying administrative umbrella for UF's programs in agriculture, forestry and related programs.

1998 The Extension Data Information Source (EDIS) established as the online source for UF/IFAS Extension's research-based, up-to-date educational resources.

1998 Fishing For Success, a program that uses fishing and other activities to introduce children to aquatic environmental sciences, begins at UF/IFAS' School of Forest Resources and Conservation.

2009 On its 100th anniversary, Florida 4-H membership reaches 234,000 youth, with help from 10,000 volunteers.

1862 President Abraham Lincoln signs the Morrill Act establishing the land-grant university system.

1890 2nd Morrill Act establishes African-American land-grant universities.

1884 Florida College of Agriculture (later UF), Florida's first land-grant university, established in Lake City.

1899 First "Farmers Institute" established in Florida to provide demonstrations in modern agricultural techniques.

1906 Florida College of Agriculture moved to Gainesville, to become part of the new University of Florida.

1915 Extension agents begin program to inoculate hogs against hog cholera epidemic.

1924 4-H name and clover emblem patented.

1929 Great Depression begins. Florida Extension Home Demonstration agents respond by giving courses in canning, clothing repair and selling home-produced products.

1943 West Florida Experiment Station established at Jay.

1958 Extension Plant Disease Clinic established to diagnose diseases of crops, ornamentals and trees, and to suggest control measures.

1952 First television program produced by Extension airs on Jacksonville's WMBR-TV (now WJXT).

1965 Florida Extension programs racially integrated. African-American youth attend the statewide 4-H club conference for the first time.

1970 State Extension Management and Information System computerizes Extension reporting for the first time.

1987 Florida Lakewatch, a volunteer program to monitor water quality, takes first water sample.

1998 Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) established to collect and share weather data with Florida's growers.

2003 Distance Diagnostic Information System (DDIS) enables homeowners and commercial growers to treat plant and insect problems over the internet.

2008 Florida Friendly Landscaping program established to help Floridians create beautiful, sustainable landscapes using native plants that need little irrigation.

1887 Hatch Act establishes Agricultural Experiment Stations tied to land-grant universities for the purposes of scientific research.

1903 Seaman Knapp establishes 1st demonstration farm in Terrell, TX.

1912 First "tomato" clubs for girls (a precursor to 4-H clubs) organized through schools in Florida.

1915 Florida Legislature accepts the Smith-Lever Act; P.H. Rolfs becomes first director of Extension, as well as Florida Agricultural Experiment Station.

1917 U.S. entry into World War I. Extension called on to help increase Florida's food production and preservation.

1921 North Florida Experiment Station Established at Quincy.

1925 Purnell Act provided funds for economic and social research by agricultural experiment stations.

1937 4-H Camp Cherry Lake opens in North Florida.

1949 4-H Camp Doe Lake in the Ocala National Forest established for African-American 4-H'ers.

1955 Florida 4-H club established with Seminole Tribe in South Florida.

1964 Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlaws most forms of discrimination by race, religion and gender.

1966 Sea Grant established through the National Sea Grant College and Program Act.

1969 USDA and Extension initiates Florida's Expanded Food Education Program (EFNEP) to educate limited-income families on diet and nutritional issues.

1915 Segregated Extension work with African-American Floridians begins when more than 1,200 youth enroll in farm and home makers' clubs organized through Florida A&M University.

1926 Camp Timpochee becomes the first permanent 4-H camp in Florida.

1940 Extension begins work with USDA's Rural Electrification Administration to bring electrical power to Florida's farms and ranches.

1950 4-H Camp Cloverleaf opens.

1971 Florida Sea Grant established as a joint effort between the National Sea Grant College and Florida Cooperative Extension Service.

1975 Names of all experiment stations and field labs changes to agricultural research and education centers (RECs).

1994 Agricultural Reorganization Act establishes the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) to coordinate USDA and state cooperative agricultural research, extension, and education programs.

1995 Family Nutrition Program (FNP) established to help food stamp recipients in 35 Florida counties make healthy food choices.

2004 "Family Album Radio" program debuts, covering such topics as nutrition, family relationships and communication.

2005 Extension's Program for Resource Efficient Communities established, begins work with developers on sustainable community planning in Harmony, FL.

2006 "Gardening in a Minute," a UF/IFAS Extension radio series, begins broadcast.

2014 UF/IFAS Extension celebrates 100th anniversary!