



Budget Reduction Impacts

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What programs are being impacted?

Educational programs and research projects are being reduced in these program areas:

- 4-H Youth Development
- Master Gardeners
- Master Food Preservers
- Agriculture
- Natural Resources
- Forestry



Why are these programs being impacted?

- 20% reduction in time for all four County paid support staff positions
- 31% reduction in supply and services budget



What is the strategy to maximize programming with reduced staff?

- Office closure one day per week to consolidate walk-in and telephone requests for service
- Evaluate all programming commitments with the goal of eliminating lower priority projects



What strengths does UC Cooperative Extension have in the midst of this economic downturn?

- Providing desired services to the El Dorado community since 1917, current MOU updated in 2007
- University and grant funded staff unaffected to date: UC provided \$427,000, USDA provided \$95,405, Endowments provided \$13,306, Grants provided \$102,000
- Our nearly 300 volunteer educators continue to work as always



Questions?

