



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

FFY2022

## UCCE Stanislaus & Merced Counties



### SUCCESSES

- 69 program activities at 17 sites provided 92 total activity sessions.
- Provided a total of 67 hours of direct education to both youth and adults.
- Had a reach of 1,189 participants with 98% being youth 5-17 years old.



### RESULTS

#### Youth

- Harvest of the Month programming delivery at 9 school sites, with 45 teachers enrolled and reaching 1034 youth.

#### Adult

- Over 1,000 adults reached through Harvest Of The Month Family Newsletters.

#### Organizational

- District wide Farm to School programming at Turlock Unified School District.

### IMPROVING CALIFORNIA'S HEALTH THROUGH CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING

#### **County Statement:**

*Stanislaus and Merced Counties are located in the Central Valley of California. We are considered a "hub of California Agriculture" and "The Gateway to Yosemite National Park."*

#### **Serving Individuals and Communities**

- Following the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model, and knowing that schools are a central part of life in the communities, our program develops partnerships that allow for multi-generational reach and provide us with spaces for school gardens, nutrition education, and physical activity implementation. The impact of those partnerships will impact not only the overall health environment of schools but will also have a positive impact in the community.

#### **Providing Education**

- Our education strategies encompass direct and indirect education by educators and extenders. This includes nutrition education, garden enhanced nutrition education, physical activity programming as well as opportunities for policy, system and environmental sustainability. In FFY22, the Stanislaus/Merced Cluster reached 1,189 people through direct education.

#### **Helping to Make Organizational and Environmental Changes**

- The Stanislaus/Merced Cluster supports Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) projects, which provide youth with skills that will empower them to be leaders in their communities. Through research, High School students learn strategies and gain skills they can use to positively affect the future of the communities they live and grow in.

#### **Serving California Agriculture**

- Increasing our farm to school efforts through school gardens and Harvest of the Month programming creates the connection between farming and the foods we eat. Through monthly Harvest of the Month taste tests, over 1,000 students have the opportunity to try fruits or vegetables that they might not had tried before.

#### **Building Partnerships**

- Our biggest supporter in our farm to school effort is undoubtedly the Turlock Union School District. Our program compliments the district's efforts to provide garden based learning through monthly Harvest of the Month lessons and taste tests while also connecting with students' families by providing each participating student with a family newsletter.



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