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- 1914: Signing of Smith-Lever Act
- Established the national Cooperative Extension Service
- Partnership of land-grant universities, federal, state & local governments
100 Years of Florida Extension
Land-Grant Universities

- Established 1862, 1890 by 1st & 2nd Morrill Acts
- Purpose: Sharing research and education with public
- Florida’s Land-Grant Universities
  - University of Florida
  - Florida A&M
Land Grant Outreach

• Began in the early 1900s
• Agricultural demonstrations
• Short Courses
• Farmers’ Institutes
• “Jessup Wagons” (Geo. Washington Carver)
Smith-Lever Act

- Sponsored by Hoke Smith (Sen., GA), Asbury Lever (Rep., SC)
- Signed by Woodrow Wilson May 8, 1914
- Agricultural Extension Service
  - Federal funds and admin support (USDA)
  - Land-Grant Universities (UF, FAMU)
  - Local governments
History

• Early focus on agricultural production, rural development, home economics, youth development (4-H)
• Later expanded into resource conservation, food safety & nutrition, consumer economics, energy, family & community sciences
Extension Today

- Over 15 million Floridians contacts annually
- Bringing land-grant education to the people
  - The “Front Door to the University”
- Helping people & communities become better problem-solvers and decision makers
- Programming efforts diverse, based on local needs and issues
- Evolving to meet critical needs
- Providing solutions for the next 100 years
Anniversary Events

- Display at Florida State Fair
  February 6-17, Tampa

- Campus Event
  April 17, Plaza of the Americas
  Displays, Speakers, Food Cart

- Local, State, & National Events
  May 8
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