Faculty Senate

UF/IFAS Extension
Andra Johnson, Dean and Director
Meet the Dean for Extension:
Andra Johnson

- **Doctorate of Philosophy** Forest Resources with an emphasis in Urban Forestry: The Pennsylvania State University; University Park, PA
- **Master of Science** Forest Resources with an emphasis in Urban Forestry: The Pennsylvania State University; University Park, PA
- **Bachelor of Science** Urban Forestry Management: Southern University A & M College; Baton Rouge, LA

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**
- **Dean and Director of Cooperative Extension** UF/IFAS (Gainesville, FL)
- **Associate Director of Cooperative Extension** The Pennsylvania State University College of Agricultural Sciences (University Park, PA)
- **Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Development** Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (Baton Rouge, LA)
- **Assistant Research Director and Director of Graduate Research** Alcorn State University (Lorman, MS)
- **Professor of Urban Forestry** Southern University and A&M College and Agricultural Research and Extension Center (Baton Rouge, LA)
Extension is:

Teaching people:
- in their own context
- how to assess their own needs and problems

Helping people:
- acquire knowledge and skills
- make science-based decisions and solve problems

Inspiring people:
- to take action
Statewide Mission:

- provide quality, relevant education and research-based expertise to foster healthy people, a healthy environment, and a healthy economy.
- 650 County and State Faculty located throughout the state.
UF/IFAS Extension Roadmap, 2013–2023

Initiative 1: Increasing the sustainability, profitability, and competitiveness of agricultural and horticultural enterprises

Initiative 2: Enhancing and protecting water quality, quantity, and supply

Initiative 3: Enhancing and conserving Florida’s natural resources and environmental quality

Initiative 4: Producing and conserving traditional and alternative forms of energy

Initiative 5: Empowering individuals and families to build healthy lives and achieve social and economic success

Initiative 6: Strengthening urban and rural community resources and economic development

Initiative 7: Preparing youth to be responsible citizens and productive members of the workforce

Initiative 8: Preparing youth to be responsible citizens and productive members of the workforce

Shaping Solutions for Florida’s Future
The UF/IFAS Extension Roadmap 2013–2023
Florida Cooperative Extension

• Part of a top 5 research institution
• Translates science-based research into real-world applications
• Offers a robust portfolio of educational programs, products, and services that are
  • Accessible when, where, and how you want them
• Provided by teams of experts who work to solve complex problems and drive progress
Our Strengths

We partner with federal, state, and county governments, and we have a long tradition of bringing unbiased support and education to the citizens and communities across the state and through our network of 111 LGU’s across country.
Population per square mile, 2020

- 22 million people
- 3rd largest state in the USA
- 30 million projected by 2050
Part of the Solution

Challenges facing our society are much more complex than in the past – and so are the solutions.

The challenges we are facing will require a multi-state, multi-institution, multi-disciplinary, and an integrated approach.

New discoveries and best practices occurring at UF can help solve these problems.
"You must be able to take the new thing you've learned today and build upon what you learned yesterday to keep growing." — John C. Maxwell
In conclusion

- Let us know how we can help you be most successful!
- You are our most valuable asset!