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**March 30, 2009 - Statement regarding funding of Cooperative
Extension by the Strafford County Legislative Delegation**

We are extremely gratified by the vote of the Strafford County Legislative Delegation to restore funding at the 2008 level for Strafford County Cooperative Extension. We, as well as many taxpayers supporting Extension, are very mindful of the crisis in our economy and the difficult choices facing every level of government. This action is clearly a vote of confidence in the relevant work Extension does throughout the county and the state. We are truly appreciative of support by the County Commissioners and Legislators through their action in recommending funding.

The vote today reaffirms the positive relationship we enjoy with the county commissioners and county delegation. Our staff and fourteen member County Extension Advisory Council established by state law, welcome the opportunity to work closely with county officials to ensure the continuation of strong support for county Extension in serving the citizens of the 13 towns and cities.

Cooperative Extension is a three way partnership between the county, state and federal government. This partnership is reflected in a memorandum of understanding in each of the ten counties between the University System of New Hampshire and county government. The mission of Cooperative Extension is to provide citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.


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