

County: _____

Continuum of Involvement for County Extension Councils

Instructions: This tool provides an opportunity to assess your County Extension Council’s level of involvement. It can be utilized in determining a plan to build council involvement. Place an “X” in the box immediately below the number that best corresponds to the level of activity for the County Extension Council (CEC). Once you have identified the current level of activity, consider the information in the boxes to the right of the current score and determine strategies to progress along the continuum.

Less Involved

More Involved

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No regular schedule of meetings; exists primarily on paper and/or is currently inactive.	Meets once per year with a limited agenda.	Meets once or twice per year. Agent(s) report to council about Extension accomplishments. Selects nominees for the Extension District Board.	Meets once or twice per year. Discusses local issues and needs. Selects nominees for the Extension District Board (EDB).	Meets 2 or 3 times per year. Prioritizes needs and identifies/amends major areas of programming. Selects nominees for the EDB and provides budget input.	Meets 2 or 3 times per year. Has set committees/work groups, explores issues in depth, and suggests programs to address specific needs. Selects nominees for the EDB and provides budget input.	Meets 3 or 4 times per year. Has set committees/work groups and assists in designing programs to meet identified needs. Selects nominees for the EDB, provides budget input, and liaisons with the EDB.	Meets at least quarterly. Has set committees/work groups and assists to implement programs they design. Selects nominees for the EDB, provides budget input, and liaisons with the EDB.	Meets at least quarterly. Has set committees/work groups. Designs, implements, and evaluates programs. Articulates successes to decision-makers. Selects nominees for the EDB, provides budget input, and routinely counsels with the EDB.