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Agricultural research has been part of Colorado State University (CSU) since the institution's beginning. In 1888, the Colorado General Assembly established the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) (http://aes.agsci.colostate.edu/) as the contributor to the federally-created state agricultural experiment station system established by the Hatch Act, currently encompassing all fifty states and United States territories.

The CAES is an integral part of CSU and a unit within the College of Agricultural Sciences. The Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station creates and disseminates knowledge related to agriculture and natural resources with the overarching goal of enhancing economic viability and environmental sustainability in ways that are socially acceptable. Further, the CAES applies this knowledge to solving practical problems of producers and consumers.

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Part of CSU's Office of Engagement and Extension, CSUE's outreach supports their land-grant mission, with a focus across a broad range of needs and critical areas including economic & community development, food & agriculture, health & well-being, natural resources & sustainability, and youth & family.

Through the CSUE internship program (https://intern.colostate.edu/), students from across CSU colleges engage in outreach projects in communities across the state. Intern experiences combine research, program delivery and dissemination efforts with hands-on learning.