Three Reasons Why We Need an Extension Agent in EVERY County
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1. Support Soil Conservation Districts
   
   Local Advisors
   
   Outreach to producers who wouldn't come to a USDA office
   
   Provide information on equipment leasing rates, local needs

2. Support Homesteaders
   
   Answer questions about raising non-traditional crops and livestock
   
   Bridge the gap between modern agriculture and older methods
   
   Communications hub for other locals who may be suppliers or buyers of homestead products

3. Food Safety
   
   "Ag Agents" wear many hats, including answering food safety questions
   
   Increased importance with passage of ND Food Freedom legislation
   
   (aka cottage food law)