THE EMERGING EXTENSION EDUCATION SYSTEM IN UKRAINE
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Introduction
Ukraine continues its attempts to introduce market reforms and modernize its agricultural sector. However, the existing system of distribution of technological information, applied scientific developments, advanced technologies, and improvement of managerial skill of farmers and other agents is not adequate for the demands of a market agriculture. There is an important need for the development of an extension education service for Ukraine.

Purpose
The poster will show how the traditional advisory services have evolved, and how the emerging extension education system can be merged with these advisory services to form the basis for better supporting the market reforms and the revival of agriculture.

The Model
Ministry Agricultural National Agricultural Policy of Ukraine, University of Ukraine Vice Minister National Extension Education Center

25 REGIONAL EXTENSION CENTERS

675 LOCAL EXTENSION CENTERS

Figure: Agricultural extension system in Ukraine

Method
Currently in Ukraine the extension education system is based on training seminars conducted at the extension centers. These seminars are often organized separately from the universities. The approach for Ukraine should include information that will answer four questions: “how,” “when,” “who,” and “what” or expected results of the planned extension education programs. Based on interviews, literature review, research, state and county extension fairs, extension field demonstrations, extension professional meetings, extension databases, and communications productions and market news, and international field experience, a program for training extension specialists and administrators for Ukraine will be developed.

Conclusions
The emerging extension education system in Ukraine will join researchers, educators, and professional facilitators to effectively support the evolving agriculture and rural communities, emphasizing sustainability. All agricultural universities of Ukraine will be involved, receiving education curricula, methods, and syllabi for providing extension education. We can learn more by working with each other, and joining the international community of extension services.