

AEC HISTORICAL TIMELINE



**AGRICULTURAL
EDUCATION AND
COMMUNICATION**

The AEC Department is committed to connecting people with agriculture through agricultural communication, education, leadership development and Extension education.

1909

First course in the School of Pedagogy offered to prepare students to teach agriculture

1918

Agriculture teacher education program first offered in UF College of Education

1922

First graduate receives a BS degree in agricultural education

1964

The agricultural education program merged with the Department of Extension to form the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE)

1966

AEE integrated into the Department of Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education in the College of Education

1971

The first agricultural journalism course taught by the Editorial Department in the College of Agriculture

1973

AEE fully transferred from the College of Education to the College of Agriculture

1991

Merge of the Editorial Department with AEE to add agricultural communication; department renamed Agricultural Education and Communication (AEC)

1994

First MS graduates with a concentration in Farming Systems

1997

- Extension Program Evaluation and Organizational Development (PEOD) unit merged with AEC
- First budgeted faculty research appointment in AEC

1998

Undergraduate leadership specialization established; graduate concentrations in agricultural communication and leadership established

1999

Ph.D. degree in Agricultural Education and Communication approved by UF and Board of Governors

2003

First Ph.D. degree graduates (Lori Moore and John Ricketts)

2005

- Fully online M.S. degree program offered
- New campus-wide undergraduate Minor in Leadership offered

2006

Off-campus undergraduate program in agriculture teacher education launched at Plant City

2010

AEC ranked #1 department in the nation by faculty in the discipline

2012

Legislative funding secured to establish the Center for Public Issues Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources in AEC

