

EXTENSION TRENDS: **FORT HALL RESERVATION**

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2023 By the Numbers

- **2,113** direct contacts
- **1,013** youth participants
- **13** volunteers
- **730** volunteer hours
- **\$125,500** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help develop programming and disseminate the work we do for UI Extension, Fort Hall Reservation through our five advisory boards in beef, range, general agriculture, horticulture and 4-H/youth development.

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2023 Impact

The Fort Hall Reservation had a fantastic year in 2023 with a new pet health program where community members learned about pet health care and how to manage feral dogs and cats. The goal of the program is to reduce abandoned pets and the incidence of negative encounters with dogs. In relation to bull quality and reproductive health, UI Extension, Fort Hall Reservation maintained a trichomoniasis program for 50 cattle producers and 8,000 range cattle. All producers running cattle on tribal lands utilize an approved trichomoniasis protocol, so animal health damages were minimized when trichomoniasis was discovered in bulls near the Fort Hall Reservation in 2022. As a result of outreach and education efforts, there were no positive bulls in 2023. A beef marketing program for producers was continued to improve price options on calves. Four producers were assisted and able to market and sell hundreds of calves at an increased price as a result. These producers also gained knowledge regarding how to use online beef marketing tools. As a long-term impact, they have implemented these skills for four years to improve ranch profitability and sustainability. A successful beef school was implemented where 38 producers learned how to utilize expected progeny difference data more efficiently. Over 75% of participants have been observed utilizing these skills.

Fort Hall Reservation 4-H

Educator Danielle Gunn collaborated with Tribal 4-H Program Director Nola Cates to provide 4-H programming for tribal youth to three tribal departments including a local school. Total programming efforts reached 1,013 youth, 99 fall and spring classes and 20 summer classes were offered, over 400 projects were submitted to the Bingham County Fair, and 236 projects were submitted to the Eastern Idaho State Fair. Fourteen Tribal Youth in Ag classes were developed, taught and evaluated. Sixteen livestock projects were successfully completed. Twenty-six tribal youth, seven teen camp counselors, and four adult volunteers attended 4-H camp. As a result, 100% of these youth stated they gained invaluable skills in responsibility, leadership and project management.

On the Horizon

New programming for 2024-25 involves the continued pursuit of education and training for a Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA) on the Fort Hall Reservation. Education, training and the development of an RFPA will give producers the training and tools necessary to help control range fires when they are first observed. Having trained people in the field can help mitigate the catastrophic range fires currently faced in changing landscapes and climates.