

EXTENSION TRENDS: **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

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2023 By the Numbers

- **544** direct contacts
- **251** youth participants
- **43** volunteers
- **2,240** volunteer hours
- **\$14,204** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Washington County: Justin Mink, Royce Schwenkfelder, Gordon Wilkerson, Nate Marvin, Mark Moura, Shannon Sprinkel, Eddie Sprinkel and Brooke Mink.

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2023 Impact

Educator Tyler O'Donnell is responsible for 4-H programming and Weiser River Beef programming. In 2023 he worked with a team to put on a calving class that met producer needs in both Washington County and Canyon County. This event was well attended and worthwhile for producers who attended, according to a post-class survey. Topics covered included calving tools, dystocia, stages of parturition, and culminating in a necropsy and tube feeding practice. O'Donnell also participated in a collaborative effort to put on a Living on the Land series for small acreage producers. In addition, he organized a class on heifer selection to assist producers in selecting replacement females that fit their operation goals, with an emphasis on longevity and structure.

4-H in Washington County

The Washington County 4-H program has 251 enrollees including Cloverbuds, spread across eight clubs. County projects are mainly focused on livestock projects, but there is a contingency of 38 participants who enrolled in general projects as well. New this year was a series of animal science clinics, which had a regular attendance of over 40 members at three clinics. The county livestock sale at the county fair brought in \$464,350 for youth participants.

On the Horizon

UI Extension, Washington County is offering another collaborative class on beef management, as a continuation of last year's class. O'Donnell is leading another series of animal science clinics, as well as a pasture management class. These classes were all highly successful last year, and he hopes to build on them and continue their success, as well as jumping in on other classes and collaborative opportunities. He is also part of a team to bring the Idaho Master Gardener program to Washington County and using these volunteers to help with plant questions that come into the office.