2021 Impact

The Ranchers Feeding Youth program offered by UI Extension, Adams County continues to provide programs to schools in Adams, Valley and Washington counties. This event features a half day of youth instruction about the beef cattle industry, including information about the byproduct uses of cattle, day-to-day ranch life and how the industry protects natural resources. Volunteers attend 3-4 schools a year and also provide a local beef lunch prepared by local ranchers. Impacts show an increase in knowledge and more awareness of the beef industry and the different aspects of the rural lifestyle so closely tied to the industry.

UI Extension, Adams County also offers cattle industry learning opportunities including beef quality assurance classes for local producers and other topics that will help to strengthen their businesses.

Online programming offerings continue to be successful for youth to complete their annual requirements for fair projects and for adults to continue ongoing learning especially during the winter months.

4-H in Adams County

The UI Extension, Adams County 4-H program continues to show growth in participation and new club offerings. Youth also continue to attend district events like the 4-H Adventure Camp and state events like the Know Your Government Conference, State Teen Association Convention and district 4-H camps. Additionally, UI Extension, Adams County continues to collaborate to offer the Idaho 4-H Rangeland Skillathon.

4-H programming is offered in local schools with a variety of events and monthly activities and youth activities are offered throughout the summer with the help of seasonal employees with a passion for youth development and enrichment.

Youth are also actively participating in shooting sports clubs with the help of certified and specially trained volunteers and through grants from the Friends of NRA. The local gun club has also been especially accommodating.

On the Horizon

Classes for newer landowners to Adams County are being offered in late summer and fall that focus on rural lifestyle, land management, smaller acreage farming and animal husbandry. Classes for seasoned ranchers will continue in late fall and winter that will help meet their needs.

A dryland grass mix demonstration trial is continuing in partnership with UI Extension, Owyhee County and the OX Ranch.

The highlight of the year is the Adams County Fair where the facility is getting new structures funded by the Adams County Fair Board and the Adams County Commissioners so that there is more capacity. New buildings, new arena and new wash facilities have all been added within the last couple of years. The barns continue to fill with livestock every year and new projects are exhibited yearly as well.