

EXTENSION TRENDS: ADAMS COUNTY

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2020 By the Numbers

- **572** direct contacts
- **390** youth participants
- **37** volunteers
- **185** volunteer hours
- **\$3,000** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Adams County: Dean Dryden, Sandy Dryden, Dave Veselka, Shirley Florence, Sara Swain, Phil Davis, Debbie Ellis, Meredith Bakula, Robyn Warner, Fran Ogden, Dusty Rhoades, Casey Anderson, Les Nunn, OX Ranch, Adams County Fairboard, Council FFA teachers, WRCA President RJ Holmes, Royce and Pam Schwenkfelder, Weiser River Cattle Association directors and members, and Adams/Valley Farm Bureau directors and members, Meadows Valley and Council school teachers, staff, and leadership, and Adams County Commissioners Mike Paradis, Joe Iveson and Vicki Purdy.

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2020 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. Online programming offerings were successful for youth to complete their annual requirements and to adults to continue ongoing learning during the struggles of COVID-19 restrictions.

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.

Online activities were held monthly for youth and the Idaho Rangeland Skillathon was offered virtually in 2020 to comply with the ever changing challenges that 2020 brought. A successful in-person county fair was held and all 4-H exhibits were changed to a "no touch" format to show off their successes. All competitions were also streamed live using Facebook so that vulnerable populations did not need to attend in person to watch events.

On the Horizon

Mental Health First Aid courses will be offered in the Adams County area to fulfill the request from the state to offer more opportunities focused on mental health in rural areas. Online 4-H and FFA bi-weekly courses were offered during the spring and summer that offered animal science classes. Those classes have continued on in 2021 because of their success in 2020. Classes for newer landowners to Adams County will be 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 has begun in partnership with UI Extension, Owyhee County and the OX Ranch.