2021 Impact

Classes and workshops were held in the areas of forage production, small grains, pasture, and pest management, allowing farmers the opportunities to improve their skills and maintain their licenses.

The tillage demonstration trial was started in Howe in conjunction with the Butte/South Custer Soil and Water Conservation District.

Community development work is continued with participation in Butte County Economic Development board meetings. Educator David Callister was able to continue teaching youth about the importance of training after high school, how to pay for college and the acquisition of job skills.

The advisory committee met in November and offered an array of topics for classes in 2022. Drought and water management ranked high in priorities.

4-H in Butte County

The 4-H program in Butte County had active beef, cat, chicken, dairy, rabbit, sheep, swine and robotics clubs in 2021. Most youth participated in the Butte County Fair in August. The 4-H market animal sale exceeded previous years’ prices and several youth competed in the Eastern Idaho State Fair and Junior Dairy Show.

Callister taught classes on animal nutrition at day camps in Butte and several other counties. Several high school seniors attended coaching sessions on applying to scholarships held in the Extension office.

On the Horizon

Work continues on the tillage demonstration trial in Howe. Two AmeriCorps interns were hired to help with 4-H positive youth development for the summer of 2022.

Callister has joined the Farm Stress Management team, which is teaching around the state of Idaho. The goal of the team is to reduce the number of farmer suicides.