

EXTENSION TRENDS: **BUTTE COUNTY**

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2022 By the Numbers

- **1,435** direct contacts
- **69** youth participants
- **10** volunteers
- **200** volunteer hours
- **\$204,693** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Butte County:

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2022 Impact

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

A tillage demonstration trial continues 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 continued to teach youth about the importance of training after high school, how to pay for college and the acquisition of job skills.

The advisory committee met and offered an array of topics for classes in 2023. Water management ranked as the highest priority agriculture topic. Self-reliance was the highest priority for community development.

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 2022. 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 with Clark County also attending. Several high school seniors attended coaching sessions on applying for scholarships held at the Extension office.

AmeriCorps members serving in Butte County reached new audiences by conducting weekly day camps in two locations. Over 40 youth participated in the day camps with the majority of participants experiencing 4-H for the first time.

On the Horizon

Work continues on the tillage demonstration trial in Howe. Plans are in place to host an AmeriCorps intern to help with 4-H positive youth development for summer 2023. Callister is a member of the UI Extension 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.

Recent reorganization of office personnel has created a stronger team. More 4-H day camps are planned for the school year and beyond. A 4-H horse club leader was recently recruited, and two shooting sports leaders are now certified. UI Extension, Butte County is looking forward to engaging even more youth this coming year.