

EXTENSION TRENDS: **ELMORE COUNTY**

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2024 By the Numbers

- **1,545** direct contacts
- **1,068** youth participants
- **41** volunteers
- **2,050** volunteer hours
- **\$259,000** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

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

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2024 Impact

A new educator, Joel Haas, was hired and scheduled to join the UI Extension, Elmore County team in early 2025. He holds a master's degree in agriculture from Oregon State University and a bachelor's degree in animal science from California State University, Fresno. He previously worked in the livestock feed and animal health industries. He is excited to start a new career in Extension and will be getting to know the people of Elmore County as he gets familiar with his new job duties.

In the absence of an educator, 4-H Coordinator Nadine Cook provided leadership and managed public relations for the UI Extension, Elmore County office. Southern District Director Pat Momont led the search committee for the new educator and acted as administrative chair for the office.

4-H in Elmore County

In Elmore County, 4-H enrollment stays right around 200-210 members each year. Through outreach programs, 4-H curriculum was taught at three different schools, Mountain Home Air Force Base, and various day camps and activities at the office. 4-H activities at the Glens Ferry STEAM and Literacy Nights are always popular. The 4-H At Home Club and Cloverbud Activity Days continue to be offered, which are well attended.

Archery remains the largest shooting sport project in Elmore County. In animal projects, swine numbers have decreased, and sheep, goat and beef enrollment has increased. There has also been an increase in small animal market projects like market broilers and turkeys, as families in urban areas realize they can participate in 4-H Livestock Sale with these species on small tracks of land and in some cases in town, and with less startup investment.

Elmore County 4-H had 192 youth exhibitors who showed in 34 different project areas with 811 fair entries and the Livestock Sale proceeds were the largest in history. The UI Extension, Elmore County office is grateful for the continued community support of youth in the 4-H program.

On the Horizon

Due to a strong community interest, an Idaho Master Gardener course is being offered in early 2026. There has also been considerable interest in the Victory Garden course, which may be offered in Glens Ferry as well as Mountain Home. Haas will be working with ISDA to offer pesticide applicator license recertification classes in fall 2025. There will likely be two days' worth of class sessions giving participants an opportunity to earn at least four credits.