2021 Impact

FCS Educator Lorie Dye taught classes on pressure cooker meals, making freezer meals, a five-week food preservation course and taught nutrition classes in the local elementary schools. Because of food supply issues, consumers have created unsafe remedies and posted them on social media. Dye created posts on Facebook concerning safe food practices for current issues. Newsletters were written and many phone call questions were answered concerning food safety. Dye was also awarded a $135,000 Idaho Community Program Grant (ARPA) addressing learning loss.

Educator Joseph Sagers offered agricultural education in person throughout Jefferson County in 2021. Agricultural producers attended and the public was invited to learn more about forages, cereals, pest management, weed control, beef production and gardening. Sagers was also involved with research being conducted throughout Eastern Idaho focused primarily on forages, cereal grains and alternative crops to provide data applicable to Jefferson County producers.

4-H in Jefferson County

UI Extension, Jefferson County has a strong 4-H program. The shooting sports program continues to grow due to 4-H Assistant Amanda Hickman’s efforts. Sue Walker heads up the horse program in the county and district, the largest horse program in the state. Walker’s passion for youth having a positive experience with their horse drives the program.

With the community program grant funds, after-school programs at Harwood and Roberts Elementary were established. Two employees and three interns were hired through grant funds to teach these programs. They use the 4-H hands-on learning model and have been very successful.

On the Horizon

Dye will continue to teach classes in food preservation and cooking trends. She will also continue managing the Idaho Community Grant and coaching interns teaching the 4-H after-school program.

Sagers will continue to provide educational opportunities to farmers in Jefferson County and respond to local needs as they arrive.

The 4-H program will continue to grow and expand. Receiving the Idaho Community Program Grant has allowed for 4-H programming to be offered to youth that have not previously been involved in 4-H due to lack funds and program availability in their area.

2021 By the Numbers

- 9,629 direct contacts
- 523 youth participants
- 55 volunteers
- 1,400 volunteer hours
- $135,000 extramural funding

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

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