**2021 Impact**

Crop programs provided by UI Extension, Lewis County help farmers receive annual information on variety trials and other crop research through cereal schools, crop tours and educational certification for pesticide applicator's licensing. Nearly 25 local farmers participated in the 2021 Prairie Area Crop and Conservation Tour at Nezperce. University of Idaho and industry partners led participants on a tour of local crop trials, giving them real-time information on variety performances and best management practices. Tour topics included winter wheat varieties, pea and lentil varieties, conservation practices, winter pea nursery, blackleg control in canola, and spring/winter canola/rapeseed variety nurseries on the Camas Prairie. The 2021 Prairie Area Cereal School at Craigmont was also well attended, with 35 farmers participating. Farmers learned up-to-date information about varieties, weed control and disease, and insect management.

**4-H in Lewis County**

The UI Extension, Lewis County 4-H program is an important youth development program in the county with nearly half of the eligible youth enrolled. Youth not enrolled in 4-H are also impacted through FFA, the North Central Idaho Farm and Forest Fair, and the Spring Into 4-H Fun Day. Market animal programs are outstanding and strongly supported by the community.

Although Lewis County saw record enrollment in 4-H programs during the pandemic, the number of youth participants remains strong. This year, the annual North Central Idaho Farm and Forest Fair also saw record attendance. A total of 194 youth from surrounding schools attended the event.

**On the Horizon**

UI Extension, Lewis County saw the retirement of long-time Extension Educator Ken Hart in February 2022. Ken served Lewis County for nearly 30 years and leaves behind a legacy of knowledge and programming. In May 2022, Audra Cochran was hired as the new UI Extension, Lewis County educator. Audra brings a diverse background to the county, including experience in animal science, forestry, forage production, and 4-H youth development. She looks forward to better learning the needs of Lewis County and offering programs within those areas.

**2021 By the Numbers**

- 1,306 direct contacts
- 230 youth participants
- 48 volunteers
- 480 volunteer hours
- $48,447 extramural funding

**Our Advisory Council**

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

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