

EXTENSION TRENDS: OWYHEE COUNTY

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2020 By the Numbers

- 4,226 direct contacts
- 1,109 youth participants
- 58 volunteers
- 3,240 volunteer hours
- \$506,100 extramural funding

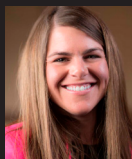
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2020 Impact

Educator Surine Greenway is the facilitator of the Marsing Health Coalition, and in 2020 programming emphasis shifted to prioritize health-based factors in the community. The coalition developed a logo representative of efforts on teen vaping and smoking prevention education. In addition to wellness-focused work, food preservation workshops were offered. As food handling and food preservation practices expanded in 2020, so did the potential risk for foodborne illness incidents in the home. To combat this, many research-based workshops for clientele to easily access were provided.

Agriculture, livestock and range programming focused on improving pasture management for producers, which equates to reduced input costs and increased productivity. Programs resulted in 56 new Beef Quality Assurance certifications and re-certifications. A total of 23 individuals were trained/certified in artificial insemination with eight of those also completing the Idaho State Department of Agriculture AI licensing exam.

Two Smoking and Grilling programs were offered collaboratively by Greenway and Educator Scott Jensen. Participants receive a lecture, demonstration, and hands-on education to trim, season, and cook their own beef and pork meat cuts. In addition, a live trimming demonstration is performed, and a fully cooked brisket is sampled, along with other smoked food samples like cheese, pepper jam, and cheesecake. This program structure contributes to knowledge, skill, and confidence in participants, all while increasing food preparation in the home.

4-H in Owyhee County

Traditional 4-H livestock projects continue to be the backbone of 4-H participation in Owyhee County. In 2020, 262 youth (4-H & FFA) exhibited and sold livestock at the Owyhee County Fair for a total of \$427,300. Numerous youth also exhibited small animals, family and consumer sciences, and miscellaneous projects.

The Youth Cooking Under Pressure, Healthy Living, and Youth Entrepreneurship programs all continue to surge in popularity. Youth report increased knowledge and positive behavior change as they make better food choices. They also consider starting their own business and factors associated with this potential venture and share information with their families, extending the program's impact beyond the lesson. Handwashing opportunities continue to be offered to all school districts to educate, create healthy habits, and lead to healthier individuals.

On the Horizon

As the Smoking and Grilling program that provides cross-discipline expertise for consumers continues to be successfully implemented in Owyhee County, more programs will continue to be structured. Part of this work has expanded to interest from colleagues to have this program offered in their region of Idaho. A youth-focused program surrounding this content is currently being designed with potential implementation in the spring.