

EXTENSION TRENDS: POWER COUNTY

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2020 By the Numbers

- **3,535** direct contacts
- **624** youth participants
- **24** volunteers
- **156** volunteer hours
- **\$5,00** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Power County: Ken Koopin, David Zimmerman, Jerome Clinger, Kim West and Steve Isaak.

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2020 Impact

Educator Terrell Sorensen worked with several other UI Extension educators to organize pesticide recertification programs in eight locations in southeast Idaho. He also helped organize the Idaho Noxious Weed Conference with 215 participants each earning seven recertification credits. The Idaho Outlook Seminar was held online and Sorensen gave an update on the water outlook for Idaho.

A Science Day was held at the J.R. Simplot Elementary School covering several different subjects for six 5th grade classes, including the Owl Lady who brought in her barn owl to show students. Sorensen returned to the school later in the year to work with children building 15 barn owl boxes to be used in the county.

Farm Management classes were held before the COVID-19 lock down and Cereal School was taught in four locations. Sorensen taught about CREP, which is a ground set aside program for irrigators that would let them fallow ground for 15 years. The program is in conjunction with the 2016 Surface Water-Groundwater users agreement.

During the lockdown several county residents began working on yard improvement and started gardens. These individuals were assisted through online classes followed by in-person visits when restrictions were lifted.

4-H in Power County

The highlight for 2020 was being able to successfully hold the county fair and livestock sale. A lot of work and thought was put into how to safely hold the events, including several planning meetings, purchasing cleaning supplies, and eliminating unnecessary events. The sale was very successful, with both online and in-person options.

On the Horizon

Sorensen is working on an Excel program to help farmers calculate how much water they will use on their farm each year. With this program they can use different cropping acreages and figure out what amount of water they will need or use for that particular set of crops. Along with it they can calculate their revenue and variable costs. It could be a very useful tool for farmers.