

EXTENSION TRENDS: **BEAR LAKE COUNTY**

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2023 By the Numbers

- **2,541** direct contacts
- **334** youth participants
- **46** volunteers
- **943** volunteer hours
- **\$60,000** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Bear Lake County: Ariel Weston, Blake Wells, Elaine Peterson, Eric Cochran, Jamison McPherson, J.C. Price, Kevin Wells, Kolby Romrell, Mary Jensen, Scott Wells and Wayne Cochran.

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2023 Impact

To support Bear Lake County's strong livestock industry, University of Idaho has been holding local Beef Schools and Pasture Management seminars. These seminars give producers access to research-based information and introduces them to specialists working in their field.

In 2023, 20 War on Weeds articles were published in the local newspaper. The weekly War on Weeds articles are designed to educate the public about important weeds of concern. Some articles focus on weeds already found in Bear Lake County and others warn about weeds that we are trying to keep out of the county and surrounding areas.

A new 4-H and family and consumer sciences educator was hired in 2023 to cover Bear Lake and Caribou counties.

4-H in Bear Lake County

UI Extension, Bear Lake County 4-H remains strong with excellent participation in the 4-H day camps, market livestock projects, an increase in the 4-H horse and market livestock programs, and the Working Ranch Horse program. With volunteers and grants from the NRA, shooting sports projects have grown from just rifle, to rifle, archery, pistol, and shotgun disciplines. The STEM coordinator has had great support from teachers as he took Lego Robotics and insects into their classes. The 4-H program finished the year in fine fashion with a highly successful 4-H fair sponsored by the Bear Lake County Fair Board.

On the Horizon

UI Extension strives to meet the needs of the community by offering relevant programs and conducting local research. Plans are underway to continue assisting with the UI Extension grazing studies. There is great excitement about the future of Extension and 4-H in Bear Lake County.

Needs assessments are being conducted for FCS and 4-H with hopes to begin implementing programs and classes early in 2024.