

EXTENSION TRENDS: **BEAR LAKE COUNTY**

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2022 By the Numbers

- **6,906** direct contacts
- **780** youth participants
- **39** volunteers
- **772** volunteer hours
- **\$83,403** 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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2022 Impact

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

In 2022, 51 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.

4-H in Bear Lake County

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 addition of the Working Ranch Horse Program. A total of 259 4-H members completed 1,150 projects during the 4-H year. With volunteers and grants from the NRA, the shooting sports area has grown from just rifle to rifle, archery, pistol and shotgun disciplines. The STEM coordinator has great support from teachers as the Lego Robotics project is brought into classes. The coordinator is also introducing arthropods to elementary and middle school students. A big boost to the 4-H curriculum has been the assistance of an AmeriCorps volunteer. The Cloverbud program has had volunteer's step-up and start building a good foundation for 5-8-year-old members. 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.