

EXTENSION TRENDS: **OWYHEE COUNTY**

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2022 By the Numbers

- **8,841** direct contacts
- **2,926** youth participants
- **77** volunteers
- **925** volunteer hours
- **\$104,000** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Owyhee County: Kelly Aberasturi, Megan Astorquia, Scott Bunderson, Amy Carson, David Carson, Deidre Erwin, Oscar Evans, Melanie Harper, Jerry Hoagland, Rex Hoagland, Mary Huff, Sharla Jensen, Ginger Loucks, Joe Merrick, Janet Miller, Heather Packer, Ken Price, Doug Rutan, Norm Stewart, Hailee Tilton, Hannah Mamer and Shane Wetzel.

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2022 Impact

Educator Surine Greenway taught a virtual food safety series covering food safety and food preservation to more than 347 participants. She also developed and taught the five-session Just Grill It! program focused on nutrition and food safety to nearly 300 youth. Successful implementation of the U and I Together virtual learning series continued in 2022. As of November 2022, six separate series have been implemented since the program's inception. Three series were implemented in 2022, with a total of 21 different professionals across all four Extension districts leading educational lessons. In 2022, this program series reached more than 901 participants attending live, with 613 youth participants and 218 adults.

Agriculture, livestock and range programming focused on improving pasture management for producers, which leads to reduced input costs and increased productivity. Programs resulted in 36 individuals trained/certified in artificial insemination. Twenty-five individuals completed the Lost Rivers Grazing Academy. Historical survey data has indicated a 20% increase in grazing days through improved grazing management by program participants.

One Smoking and Grilling program was offered collaboratively by Educators Greenway and Scott Jensen. Participants receive a lecture, demonstration and hands-on education to trim, season and cook their own beef and pork meat cuts. This program structure contributes to knowledge, skill and confidence in participants.

4-H in Owyhee County

Swine and sheep projects continued to be the top two enrolled projects in Owyhee County. Cloverbuds surpassed market beef cattle and market goats in enrollment numbers in 2021-22. Of the 326 4-H and FFA members who exhibited at the Owyhee County Fair, 239 sold a market animal in the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale, which grossed \$984,751, over \$360,000 more than in 2021. Youth also participated in horse, shooting sports, leathercraft, dairy cattle, dairy goats, small animal, breeding livestock, baking, sewing, quilting, cake decorating, photography, leadership, and gardening projects.

Shooting sports and communication and expressive arts project area enrollments and exhibit numbers are on the rise and prove to be a draw to Owyhee County's 4-H program. Youth involved in 4-H programming are more far more likely to give back to their communities, be civically active, make healthier lifestyle choices, participate in STEM programs during out-of-school time, and pursue entrepreneurship than their peers who are not involved in the program.

On the Horizon

Agriculture research efforts include two range projects: dormant season grazing to reduce fine fuels and a range cow grazing efficiency study. FCS efforts are underway to secure funding to continue the highly successful Just Grill It! program. A parenting series highlighting techniques for caregivers of youth ages 5-11 will be piloted in Owyhee County. Implementation of new 4-H programs, including after-school programming, day-camps, and workshops, are in the works for Owyhee County youth. Additionally, continued grant funding has been secured to grow, expand, and make shooting sports more accessible to Owyhee County 4-H youth.