

EXTENSION TRENDS: **ADAMS COUNTY**

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2023 By the Numbers

- **1,365** direct contacts
- **1,064** youth participants
- **30** volunteers
- **260** volunteer hours
- **\$15,000** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Adams County: Dean Dryden, Sandy Dryden, Dave Veselka, Shirley Florence, Sara Swain, Phil Davis, Sara Warner, Rafaela and Brian Goodwin, Trista Robbins, Katie Tharp, Casey Anderson, Les Nunn, OX Ranch, Adams County Fair Board, Council FFA teachers, Weiser River Cattle Association directors and members, Adams/Valley Farm Bureau directors and members, Meadows Valley and Council school teachers, staff, and leadership, and Adams County Commissioners Mike Paradis, Joe Iveson and Vicki Purdy.

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2023 Impact

The Ranchers Feeding Youth program offered by UI Extension, Adams County continues to provide programs to schools in Adams, Valley and Washington counties. This event features a half day of youth instruction about the beef cattle industry, including information about the byproduct uses of cattle, day-to-day ranch life and how the industry protects natural resources. Volunteers attend 3-4 schools a year and also provide a local beef lunch prepared by local ranchers. Impacts show an increase in knowledge and more awareness of the beef industry and the different aspects of the rural lifestyle so closely tied to the industry. UI Extension, Adams County also offers cattle industry learning opportunities including beef quality assurance classes for local producers and other topics that will help to strengthen their businesses.

Online programming offerings continue to be successful for youth to complete their annual requirements for fair projects and for adults to continue ongoing learning especially during the winter months.

The 4-H program in the county continues to grow and has added many more projects in 2023.

4-H in Adams County

The UI Extension, Adams County 4-H program continues to show growth in participation and new club offerings. Youth also continue to attend district events like the 4-H Adventure Camp and state events like the Know Your Government Conference, State Teen Association Convention and district 4-H camps. 4-H programming is offered in local schools with a variety of events and monthly activities and youth activities are offered throughout the summer with the help of seasonal employees with a passion for youth development and enrichment. Youth are also actively participating in shooting sports clubs with the help of certified and specially trained volunteers and through grants from the Friends of NRA. The local gun club has also been especially accommodating. In addition to traditional 4-H programming, the Adams County 4-H program also offered baton twirling and ballet classes. Approximately 30 children attend dance every Friday from March-Dec.

On the Horizon

Calving schools for local cattle producers are coming to Southern Idaho again just before calving season begins. 4-H programming will continue to expand for shooting sports, school enrichment programs and younger youth events and activities. More landowner topic sessions will be presented to local audiences and rangeland and grazing classes will also be offered. Fire related classes for acreage and homeowners that provide tools to create a more manageable fire barrier on properties will also be offered. Additionally, Idaho Master Gardener classes will be offered locally. There are many new volunteers starting more non-traditional 4-H programming, including crafts with Cloverbuds, fishing and archery.