

EXTENSION TRENDS: **CARIBOU COUNTY**

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2023 By the Numbers

- **1,251** direct contacts
- **242** youth participants
- **18** volunteers
- **763** volunteer hours
- **\$62,300** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Caribou County: Brett Torgeson, Scott Brown, Kyle Wangeman, Eric Simonson, Blair Rindlibaker, Jake Osbourn, Dan Lakey and Cody Cole.

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2023 Impact

Cereal grain crops are extremely important to the Idaho economy. To support cereal grain production in Caribou and surrounding counties, University of Idaho holds Cereal Schools. These schools are designed to bring research-based information from the university to growers. In 2023, there were 241 participants across all locations (Burley, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, St. Anthony, Grace and Preston). Of those who completed the survey, 32 were farmers who collectively manage a total of 66,489 acres and who estimated they would save \$229,425 as they implement what they learned while attending Cereal Schools.

In 2023, 20 War on Weeds articles were published in the local newspaper and in regional papers. 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 Caribou 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 Caribou County

UI Extension, Caribou County offered an array of programs for youth to develop life skills. Some programs included working ranch horse, horse, market animal, sewing, tree identification, plant identification, water education, farm to table, shooting sports, fishing, and many other craft/STEAM day camps. With the help of volunteers, UI Extension was able to offer dog 4-H which is a new program in Caribou County. 4-H programs continue to grow, with more and more youth and leaders getting involved.

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 cereal variety trials, the Aphid monitoring network, Barley Liming trials, hay and forage research, and other projects that will benefit local producers. There is great excitement about the future of Extension and 4-H in Caribou County.

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