

# EXTENSION TRENDS: **BUTTE COUNTY**

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## 2023 By the Numbers

- **990** direct contacts
- **613** youth participants
- **14** volunteers
- **1,500** volunteer hours
- **\$62,150** extramural funding

## Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Butte County: Randy Purser, Michelle Purser, Ty Pancheri, Bryton Pancheri, Wayne Ouellette, Wylee Nalley, Allen Carter, Joni Pitcher, Melinda Shodin, Colleen Maderieta, Kole Hansen, Eve Wilson, Tiffanie Jones, Brian Harrell, Kirby Jensen, Jay Jensen and DeAnn Jensen.

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## 2023 Impact

Classes and workshops were held in the areas of forage production, small grains, pasture, pest management and stress management allowing farmers the opportunities to improve their skills and maintain their licenses.

A tillage demonstration trial continues in Howe in conjunction with the Butte/South Custer Soil and Water Conservation District.

Community development work is focused on UI Extension Educator David Callister teaching youth about the importance of training after high school, how to pay for college and the acquisition of job skills.

The advisory committee met in October and offered an array of topics for classes in 2024. Water management ranked as the highest priority agriculture topic. Self-reliance was the highest priority for community development.

## 4-H in Butte County

The 4-H program in Butte County had active beef, cat, chicken, goat, horse, rabbit, sheep, shooting sports, swine and robotics clubs in 2023. Most youth participated in the Butte County Fair in August. The 4-H market animal sale exceeded previous years' prices and several youth competed in the Eastern Idaho State Fair.

Shooting sports was added this year with a new club serving the youth of both Butte and Custer counties. Twenty-two youth participated in 42 different projects in the areas of archery, hunting and shotgun.

Callister and 4-H Coordinator Shaylee Pancheri introduced livestock skill-a-thon to youth attending 4-H livestock day camp.

AmeriCorps members serving in Butte County reached new audiences by conducting weekly day camps in three locations. Over 40 youth participated in the day camps with the majority of participants experiencing 4-H for the first time.

## On the Horizon

The tillage demonstration trial continues in Howe. Plans are in place to host an AmeriCorps volunteer to help with 4-H positive youth development for the summer of 2024. Seven more 4-H volunteer leaders have become certified in other aspects of shooting sports. With the addition of rifle and pistol projects available to 4-H youth, another year of club growth is expected.