

EXTENSION TRENDS: **ELMORE COUNTY**

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2023 By the Numbers

- **1,369** direct contacts
- **1,068** youth participants
- **45** volunteers
- **83** volunteer hours
- **\$218,000** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Elmore County.

2023 Impact

In 2023 time was spent building connections with the Elmore County Health Coalition and addressing the health concerns of the community, including bridging the gap between resources such as Harvest Heroes and Farmer Veterans' Coalition. These two programs aid in building community gardens and providing assistance to veteran farmers. With these programs the food insecurity in Elmore County will hopefully be reduced.

Two half day pesticide applicator continuing education seminars were established in order for pesticide applicators to gain the credits needed for their license. At the end of the seminars the private applicator has the opportunity to gain all the credits needed for their license, while the commercial applicator will have the opportunity to have half of their credits fulfilled.

4-H in Elmore County

Enrolled members in Elmore County 4-H remains steady. Outreach efforts in the community are increasing and activities are offered in three different schools and and the Mountain Home Air Force Base. The 4-H table is always a big hit at Glenss Ferrys Schools STEAM & Literacy Nights.

Archery is the largest shooting sport project in Elmore County, with just over 30 members participating and new members joining each year. The archery shoot at the county fair always draws a crowd.

The 4-H assistant has started a 4-H At Home Club for members who want to do projects not offered in a club and have an adult to work with them, and a 4-H Lego Club that meets once a month.

At the 2023 Fair, Elmore County had 193 exhibitors in 35 different project areas with 603 fair entries.

To meet the needs of Cloverbuds, the future of the 4-H program, Cloverbud Activity Days were implemented. A different activity is planned for this audience once a month, Jan.-May.

On the Horizon

An Idaho Master Gardener course will be provided in 2024, which will give community members the opportunity to learn valuable horticulture skills. The course will also have field trips to local horticulture gardens and greenhouses.

UI Extension, Elmore County is also hoping to expand community gardens through the Master Gardener courses and other volunteer groups within the community.

In addition, the Extension office is in the process of setting up field trips to local farms and other agricultural commodity groups to allow the community the opportunity to learn about their local agricultural production practices.