



A grant focused on indigenous Nebraska Foods allowed locally grown aronia berries to be sampled in the lunch service in two Cuming County Schools!

An initiative has been made to reconnect youth with their food. The local indigenous food training (LIFT) brought local foods (including apples, aronia berries, beef, bison, dry beans, rhubarb and/or turnips) directly to students utilizing foodservice programs across Nebraska. Beef isn't the only indigenous food grown in Cuming County. A local aronia berry producer partnered with the LIFT grant to provide homegrown berries to school lunch service providers allowing 1100 youth to try aronia berries at school. It was an amazing opportunity to highlight an indigenous food and a local producer!

### Programs At-A-Glance

- Embryology has a presence in every school in the county with 117 youth having explored the science of life cycles. Over 75% of youth increased their interest in the subject matter.
- Producers, consultants, and industry representatives attended the UNL Feedlot Roundtable in Cuming County to hear about changes by FDA on use of growth-promoting implants.

**80**

participants from local feedyards in health fairs in partnership with UNMC

**STRENGTHEN NEBRASKA  
AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS**

**1,551**

Cuming County youth reached by participating in 4-H programming

**INSPIRE NEBRASKANS &  
THEIR COMMUNITIES**

**926.8**

pounds of produce rescued through Growing Together Nebraska Grant

**ENHANCE THE HEALTH  
& WELLBEING OF ALL  
NEBRASKANS**

