



Early exposure to different career paths is crucial to make sure students are able to make informed decisions about their future careers, which is what Connecting the Dots aims to do.

Ninth graders from across Merrick County attended Connecting the Dots to explore how to connect the dots from early high school through postsecondary education and training into the workplace. “The Connecting the Dots program allows our students to make connections within the community in their area of interest. The engagement of the students with the industry professionals was exciting to see at their age. The conversations were in depth and relevant to education, training, and salary. Connecting the Dots expands the students’ knowledge of careers available.” - Jessica Brondel, Teacher

### Programs At-A-Glance

- 4-H: 1,222 youth were reached through clubs, special interest, school enrichment, and summer workshops that promoted positive youth development and leadership.
- Ag Showcase: 109 6th grade students attended Ag Showcase - a one-day event to help educate students about Merrick County and Nebraska ag products, resources and businesses.

# 188

people attended 7 production ag meetings to learn about new innovations and receive certifications.

**STRENGTHEN NEBRASKA  
AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS**

# 40+

people were provided science based information related to sustainable gardens and landscapes.

**INSPIRE NEBRASKANS &  
THEIR COMMUNITIES**

# 102

7th graders attended Inventure Day to learn about entrepreneurship from local businesses.

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