



LANCASTER COUNTY

35,946 Youth Engaged in 4-H

In the past year, 35,946 Lancaster County youth were engaged in 4-H programs, including clubs, school enrichment, after-school/summer sites and camps, a 9% increase from last year.



- Clubs — 79 clubs range from five to 83 youth members. Clubs are led by adult volunteers; often hold regular meetings; elect youth officers; learn together; and do community service projects.
- 4-H at Lancaster County Super Fair — Nearly 702 4-H/FFA exhibitors showcased approximately 5,261 exhibits.
- School Enrichment — includes: Garbology, Embryology, Ag Literacy Festival, Earth Wellness Festival, Nutrition Education Program and Growing Healthy Kids.

“In 4-H, I’ve learned a wide variety of life skills. I put together a PowerPoint for fourth and fifth graders. This helped me gain leadership skills. I had to coordinate and work with others to make this a reality. Teamwork has been key in many more areas.”

– John Boesen, member of Teen Council and Go Go Goat Getters 4-H Club

Cover Crops Conference

Extension Educator Tyler Williams and other colleagues organized a conference, “Opportunities for Growing and Grazing Cover Crops,” during the Lancaster County Super Fair. It was attended by 150 crop growers and cattle operators from 35 counties, representing 80,000 acres of farm ground and 9,600 head of beef cows. Of those attending, 73% said they plan to expand, modify, or start a new practice from the information learned and estimated a value gained of \$18 per acre.

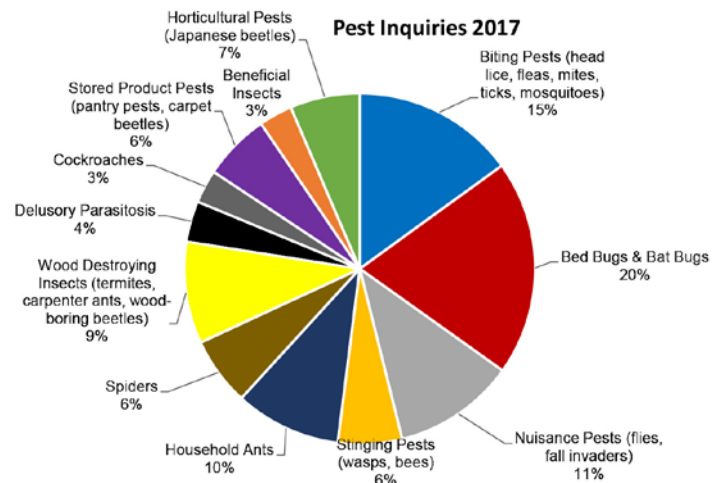


Urban Entomology – Pest Diagnostic Services

Lancaster County residents and commercial professionals bring insects and pests to the extension office for identification and control recommendations. Extension Educator and urban entomologist Jody Green assisted with approximately 746 phone, walk-in, email, and social media inquiries (see pie chart for breakdown of types of pests).

“Nebraska Extension has greatly benefited my adult English as a Second Language class with their classes regarding common household insects like bed bugs, head lice, and cockroaches. The education provided by extension helps them feel more empowered to keep their homes clean and bug-free.”

– Kelly Ross, ESL Instructor, Southeast Community College



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