

# Butler County

## 2021 Impact At-A-Glance



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Nebraska Extension brings research-based information to our producers and carries out research alongside them, on their land. “Extension is the best-kept management tool I have.” -participant

Geoff & Bart Ruth are multi-generational producers in Butler County. Utilizing crop production research by the University, they have increased yields on their farm by implementing narrow row spacing and lower planting population on soybeans. This motivated them to host Soybean Management Field Days the past two years. With support from the Nebraska Soybean Board, real-time research by university specialists was demonstrated to over 100 attendees on Ruth’s farm. “Field days are impactful, allowing producers to see the results of production strategies in parallel environments.” - Melissa Bartels

### Programs At-A-Glance

- Food, Nutrition & Health-bridging the gap between local producers, farmer’s markets, and retailers to support availability of locally grown, fresh produce for area SNAP recipients.
- Babysitting Clinic-Early Childhood, 4-H and Nutrition Educators with local EMTs, collaborated to train youth in babysitting skills in basic safety, nutrition & child development.

## 2 IN 3

2<sup>nd</sup> graders are reached by school enrichment via agricultural literacy programs.

## 25

years that Extension’s Master Gardeners have provided horticultural related information and service.

## 94%

Field Day attendees increased their knowledge on scouting for a new pest, soybean gall midge.