

Gage County

2021 Impact At-A-Glance



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Over 15 local businesses and agencies joined Extension in rescuing more than 4,400 pounds of fresh produce, delivering it to over 1,100 neighbors throughout the 2021 growing season.

As the lead agency for the Garden Produce Rescue, Extension partnered with local businesses and agencies to keep garden produce out of the landfill and deliver it to neighbors in need. Efforts spanned the 2021 growing season and included many donation sites. Additionally, two school gardens were tended by Extension Master Gardeners, with over 50 youth involved. Some of the produce was delivered to veterans and homebound seniors for 10 weeks. One such recipient had been an avid gardener, and she said, "I used to give [garden produce] away to everyone. This has been really fun this summer!"

Programs At-A-Glance

- 1 in 3 K-12 youth were reached by 4-H programming. Youth developed life skills, built relationships with caring adults and learned by doing.
- Earth Festival: 2021 marked the 39th annual day-long field trip where over 300 youth from 5 area schools learned about Earth, water, and conservation.

\$65,485

claimed in ARPA funds to aid 4 communities.

138 producers received 59 hours of direct assistance.

4,500+

listeners tuned into the Yard and Garden radio show every week for 20 weeks.