

Cherry County

Impact At-A-Glance



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Woody encroachment is the main threat to Cherry County's 3.8 million acres of Sandhills rangeland ecosystem. Extension programs are equipping producers while developing a culture of tree management.

Eastern Red Cedar tree cover continues to increase across the Great Plains. Understanding spread and what management strategies work best is essential to control, and this is being accomplished through a "Tackling Eastern Red Cedar" Extension workshop for producers. In addition, introducing rangeland management concepts to high school youth helps build awareness and knowledge of how to safely implement practices such as prescribed burning. Participants said they "understand the importance of having a plan and many are likely to make changes" and intend to work with neighbors to do so.

Programs At-A-Glance

- Two high school students, trained by UNL, delivered a STEM CARES summer day camp, reaching 23 youth. Chemistry concepts were taught in a fun, hands-on experience with slime!
- Through multi-agency partnership, Extension helped deliver 10 outdoor education experiences including after school programs, summer camps, and field days, for approx. 200 youth.

119

youth practiced entrepreneurial thinking in partnership with the new Think, Make, Create mobile lab.

72%

of eligible youth were reached through Cherry County 4-H programming.

195

producers participated in Livestock Systems Extension programs in Cherry County.