

Dawson County

Impact At-A-Glance



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Students appreciated the hands-on activities they would not normally experience in the classroom, allowing them to learn up close about blood cells and respiratory science during this field day.

Students and teachers (n=156) attended Youth Science Field Days in Lexington emphasizing careers in agriculture, education, lab science, physical/respiratory therapy, textile science, and health awareness.

According to Lexington High School teacher, Mike Zarate, who has attended this educational experience since 2011, "I think that it is an amazing opportunity for the sophomores to see that there are many fields available for them in the science field." When surveyed, 78% of participants said they were more likely to explore a career in science or technology by participating in this program.

Programs At-A-Glance

- **ServSafe:** ServSafe Food Handler & Manager Trainings held to teach the importance of food safety. There was a 96% passing rate among participants (n=45) at Lexington's training.
- **4-H Contests:** 5 youth participated in ID Contests at the State Fair. Youth had a 67% increase in knowledge about plants and insect ID earning 7 Individual and 2 team awards.

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Students completed the Healthy Habits program on food safety, nutrition, and exercise education.

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On-Farm Research studies completed with growers and crop consultants in Dawson County.

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Dawson County 4-H'ers participated at the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.