

Holt & Boyd Counties Impact At-A-Glance



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For the 212 residents of Lynch, Valley Foods Cooperative, the village's newly reopened grocery store is exactly as the sign on its exterior reads "The Heart of Community."

When Lynch grocer retired and closed, residents took notice and began to explore reopening the store as a community-driven cooperative. With technical assistance from Extension's Nebraska Cooperative Development Center and Rural Prosperity Nebraska, Valley Foods Cooperative was established to serve elders, low-income residents, and families in the Lynch area. With the community's commitment of financial resources and volunteerism, and the capacity of the cooperative board working with Extension, a community-owned store re-opened restoring grocery access to those that call Lynch home.

Programs At-A-Glance

- 80% of K-6th grade teachers reported their students' applied skills learned from the monthly 4-H Extreme Engineering Lessons to a different task.
- 56% of those teachers reported students applying those applications up to three months after the lesson was taught.

70%

of participants are willing to change their practices to reduce nitrate levels in the groundwater

98%

of our childcare providers feel better about themselves and the work they do

64%

are likely to change their management of Eastern Redcedar