

Central IV Counties **N** EXTENSION

2020 Impact At-A-Glance

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Help with home food preservation is an increasingly popular resource Nebraska Extension provides. Ensuring safe practices are taught and keeping families who consume the food safe is our #1 priority.

With a current resurgence in canning, understanding safe food handling has become a common question and concern for our clientele. After reading the food safety materials, one client replied: “Thank you so much! I have been canning for about 45 years and it appears that from the information you sent, I have been doing it wrong. It’s amazing we survived!” I did another batch and everything worked perfect with my new gauge.” This is just one example of the everyday impacts that Nebraska Extension is having in our community keeping everyone safe and healthy.

Program At-A-Glance

2020 challenged us with the question “How do we serve our 4-Hers?” The Central IV team answered with weekly brown bag kits which served over 700 4-H youth in Greeley, Howard, Sherman and Valley Counties. Youth learned about horticulture, nutrition, heritage arts, wildlife, photography and more. A parent commented, “At a time when many things were unavailable to kids, the kits really gave them something to look forward to.”

1113

views of our 4-H and nutrition how-to videos (and counting).

345

producers trained and certified to safely apply restricted use pesticides.

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in-person county fairs were a 2020 summer highlight.