

Garfield, Loup, and Wheeler Counties



2020 Impact At-A-Glance

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Nebraska Extension develops our youth in many ways. For instance, youth in afterschool programs build problem-solving, reasoning, and critical thinking skills while engaging hands-on with STEM activities.

After five years of participation, Lexi was disappointed to be ineligible to return to summer reading and afterschool programs with 4-H. She had grown as an individual and developed life skills through her experiences. She was often the first to offer a lending hand and typically included the youngest participants in her small groups as a leader. Lexi had potential and was welcomed back to summer reading as a teaching assistant. She discovered a passion and natural talent for working with children. Lexi made the program stronger while uncovering a career path suited to her skills.

Programs At-A-Glance

- Protecting the Last Grasslands taught producers strategies for managing woody encroachment. 70% reported they were likely to make changes to their operations.
- 4-H is not canceled! When afterschool programs weren't feasible, 4-H STEM was welcomed into six Wheeler Central classrooms and virtually into four Loup County grades this fall.

90% of age-eligible youth participated in 4-H programs in 2020.

20,735 acres impacted by cedar removal strategies protecting grasslands.

100% Burwell juniors & seniors are better prepared to make decisions regarding education and careers.