Despite the many challenges of this year, 4-H livestock exhibits have proved strong and steady in Knox County. The Wortmann family appreciated the opportunity to exhibit at the 2020 Knox County Fair.

Livestock projects have always been a top priority, with poultry nearly doubling in entries by 48% over the last five years. Holly Wortmann, Knox County Extension Board President: “Nebraska Extension provides youth a fun and hands-on experience through activities such as Life on the Farm, Youth Quality Assurance, and connections with educators and experts in the poultry and livestock field. Because of these resources, our daughters have learned responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communication skills by participating in the 4-H Poultry Project. The fresh eggs are pretty great, too!”

Programs At-A-Glance

- UNL and the regional Natural Resource Districts collaborated to bring water quality education to residents/land owners in the Bazile Groundwater Management Area.
- “Rock on Strong”: an after-school program offered in libraries through a partnership with the Nebraska Strong Recovery Project, 98% of youth acquired learning tools for stress management.

100% of the participants in the “Germs Everywhere” School Enrichment Program, understand how germs spread and can wash hands properly.

NEW AUDIENCES REACHED

HIKE Youth Leadership program reached 54 high school youth in 3 schools across Knox County gaining knowledge of interpersonal and teamwork skills.

178 KITS

4-H Take and Make kits were offered to 377 4-H’ers as a family engagement activity.

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