Growing Partnerships. “This partnership gave us the opportunity to try interseeding of cover crops since the equipment is too expensive for any of us to purchase on our own just to try,” - local farmer

“How can we get more farmers to try cover crops with traditional corn/soybean cropping systems?” This question led to an innovative approach. Four agencies (Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District, The Nature Conservancy, Nebraska Extension, and Natural Resources Conservation Service) partnered together with 11 farmers in 2020 to begin interseeding cover crops into growing corn. An interseeding machine was purchased and cooperators will work with the project for three years. Yield, cover crop biomass, and soil health tests were collected and will be shared at winter meetings.

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Programs At-A-Glance

- School Enrichment-Since Sept, we’ve taught FightBac: Handwashing to 500 students in York County. “Youth had fun and great conversations about handwashing!” - Olivia Alberts, teacher.
- Workshop Kits-Seven kits provided opportunities for 113 youth to learn and develop fair projects at home. “Thank you for providing these opportunities for the youth!” - 4-H Parent

1262 farmers and agribusiness professionals trained at winter meetings. Farmer Tweet, “@jenreeresources killing it at packed house for pesticide training today. Extension matters.”

20 on-farm research studies with growers in 2020 (8 in York County)

680 youth reached through nutrition education.