

# Brown, Rock & Keya-Paha Counties

## 2024 Impact At-A-Glance

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4-H aims to help youth reach their full potential by empowering them with skills to lead for a lifetime. It's a research-based experience that includes hands-on projects, school enrichment, community involvement, and meaningful leadership opportunities.

Over 150 youth in Brown, Rock, and Keya-Paha counties got to see a glimpse of what 4-H can offer through "Garden in a Glove" during Nebraska 4-H Month. Garden in a Glove not only is a lesson on seed germination, but it also opens an opportunity for kids to talk about America's food supply. This lesson allows them to explore how plants provide not only food and oxygen for us, but for animals as well. Since germination happens underground, you aren't able to witness the cycle that the plants go through. Through this program, you get to witness the magic that happens from a tiny seed. In order to show the parts of a plant on a larger scale, we started the lesson by dissecting a Lima bean. Most of the kids expressed that they thought the entire seed was how life started, so it was a learning opportunity for them to see that life starts at the embryo.

### Programs At-A-Glance

**Caring About Children:** *Ainsworth Childcare Conference is designed to provide childcare providers with professional development opportunities through partnerships. This allows participants to earn in-service hours for early childcare credit. 228 childcare provider hours were awarded to the 38 participants from 7 different counties.*

**985**

youth reached in BKR through school enrichment, special interest groups, and summer programming.

**61**

producers learned about profitability and how to adjust in drought situations through the Stocker/Yearling tour that was held in Bassett, NE.

**530**

children were evaluated through the Early Childhood Screening for Health where emotional progress and overall development was analyzed.

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**INSPIRE NEBRASKANS & THEIR COMMUNITIES**

**ENHANCE THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF ALL NEBRASKANS**

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