

Cherry County 2024 Impact At-A-Glance

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"STEM Backpacks are allowing families to put down their electronics and spend time together connecting through the experiments as well as reading." - Valentine Public Library Assistant Director

Cherry County Extension is involved in a variety of community partnerships which strengthen capacity and lead to lasting impact. Partnerships enable UNL have a "voice at the table" which helps propel various projects that benefit all ages of citizens. Partnerships also lead to funding, additional expertise, innovative ideas, increased reach, and mentoring opportunities. One of the fastest growing partnerships this year was with the Valentine Public Library. A new STEM backpack program was implemented and reported the highest check-out rate in the state of Nebraska! Of surveyed families, 100% rated the "quality of time spent together while doing the kit activity" as 4 or 5 on a 1-5 scale!

Programs At-A-Glance
A nine-hour online Rangeland Management course was delivered to 22 participants who learned plant ID, factors affecting plant growth, stocking rates, grazing, and drought planning as well as risk management techniques.

696
 participants were reached through 108 hours of livestock systems instruction over 32 sessions.

94%
 of youth in Sandhills Leadership increased abilities to assume leader roles in organizations.

56
 head of market beef were analyzed in a new carcass contest at County Fair.

Big 3 **STRENGTHEN NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS**

INSPIRE NEBRASKANS & THEIR COMMUNITIES

ENHANCE THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF ALL NEBRASKANS