

Colfax County

2024 Impact At-A-Glance



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Nebraska Extension in Colfax County, in collaboration with community partners, is dedicated to growing tomorrow's agricultural leaders through engaging youth in agricultural learning opportunities such as the Agricultural Literacy Festival.

As school and extracurricular schedules become increasingly busy, many youth are growing more disconnected from Nebraska agriculture. In 2024, Colfax County collaborated with Nebraska Extension, local schools, and community partners to reintroduce agriculture to area 3rd and 4th graders. The mission was to help students connect everyday products—such as food and textiles—back to their agricultural roots.

Corissa Hays, a 4th-grade instructor at Clarkson, emphasized the importance of this effort, stating, “Students need to learn about farming and agriculture to gain a better understanding and appreciation.” Similarly, Brenda Allgood, a 3rd-grade teacher in Schuyler, added, “It was a great resource for our students, especially since many don’t have prior experience or an agricultural background.”

On-Farm Research:
Twelve local growers participated in the Highboy Cover Crop Project (HiCCIP) to observe effects of residual nitrates, soil health, weed suppression and crop yield.

\$800,000

value of knowledge gained by crop producers who attended On-Farm Research meetings.

4,468

interactions made between K-12 youth and Colfax County Extension Staff.

223

youth learned about agricultural education in Colfax County’s first Ag Literacy Day.



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