

Cuming County 2024 Impact At-A-Glance

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Extreme weather—sub-freezing temperatures, heavy snow, and rapid melting challenged production and spurred swift, comprehensive guidelines to safeguard both animals and personnel.

In 2024, extreme weather in northeast Nebraska posed significant challenges for cattle production. Extended periods of sub-freezing temperatures, heavy snow, and rapid melting endangered cattle health and complicated daily management, placing unprecedented stress on feedlots and pastures. In response, agricultural experts and extension educators swiftly developed and widely distributed comprehensive guidelines for cattle care and management. These guidelines offered recommendations on adapting feeding practices, optimizing shelter and water sources, and implementing emergency protocols—along with specific measures to ensure personnel safety in harsh conditions. This proactive approach helped mitigate the severe weather's impact and highlighted the resilience of the local agricultural community.

Programs At-A-Glance

- **Adventure Day Camp:** Through Extension connections, the camp gained three new partnerships that helped youth acquire valuable skills and deepen their connection to the outdoors.
- **Fueling Your Body:** This evidence-based program helps middle school youth understand the importance of healthy food choices. In 2024, over 70 Cuming County youth learned about micronutrients, macronutrients, and the significance of breakfast.

185.5

pounds of produce rescued through Cuming County Produce Rescue program.

87%

of youth reached by participating in 4-H programming in and out of the classroom.

11

operations participated in cow-calf field day at UNL and Eastern Nebraska Research, Extension and Education Center.



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INSPIRE NEBRASKANS & THEIR COMMUNITIES

ENHANCE THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF ALL NEBRASKANS