

Cheyenne/Deuel Counties Impact At-A-Glance



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"It was really inspirational to see the kind of creative businesses that have taken root in Sidney. Rather than just hear about it, we got to see it in action."

Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC) is a "walking conference" designed to support rural communities. RPN has hosted this event in different locations across the state for 6 years and brought it to downtown Sidney in May 2024. The 80 attendees included community leaders, volunteers, economic developers, business owners, and members of non-profit organizations. Sessions were held in local businesses to network and learn new strategies for community and economic development. The conference benefited the local economy as well, with an estimated economic impact to Sidney of \$41,000 over the two days.

Programs At-A-Glance

- >Rural Prosperity Nebraska (RPN): Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities, Technical Assistance Programs, & Customer Service Trainings
- >Water & Integrated Cropping Systems: Chemigation and Pesticide Trainings
- >4-H & Youth Development: Animals Inside & Out, Ag Safety Day, County Fair

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local businesses applied for Business Builder Grants with the help of RPN and Cheyenne County E3

\$90,000

USDA grant received by Cheyenne County E3 with the help of RPN

1,127

youth participating in 4-H events