

Douglas & Sarpy Counties

2024 Impact At-A-Glance



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"It's powerful to know that our work directly contributed to feeding people in need, and that's the heart of what Extension Master Gardener Volunteers do: cultivate knowledge, share resources, and nourish those around us."

A total of 320 Extension Master Gardener Volunteers in Douglas and Sarpy Counties contributed a record-breaking 19,100 volunteer hours, valued at \$640,000. These dedicated volunteers serve across 20 teaching gardens, Ask a Master Gardener events, the Hort Helpline, the Speakers Bureau, and more. In partnership with our Nutrition Education Program team, they grew and donated 9,700 pounds of fresh produce, with a wholesale value of \$19,300, helping to feed 12,300 individuals in the community. Collectively, Horticulture and Entomology Extension educators and volunteers taught 13,800 residents in person and reached thousands more through local media news stories.

13,100

residents improved their health through food safety and nutrition education, along with implemented policy and environmental changes.

20,665

youth participated in 4-H through STEM in the classroom, clubs, engineering or agriculture explore programs.

Programs At-A-Glance

13,100 youth engaged in the study of biological development through the "Look Who's Hatching" Early Childhood and 4-H embryology in the classroom programs.

374 food service employees completed Food Handler certificate training. **194** food service managers became ServSafe certified. **266** establishments became food safe certified. **465** food producers completed the Cottage Food Law training.

1,200 early childhood professionals completed continuing education trainings.

Big 3 STRENGTHEN NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

INSPIRE NEBRASKANS & THEIR COMMUNITIES

ENHANCE THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF ALL NEBRASKANS