

Dundy-Hayes-Hitchcock Counties 2024 Impact At-A-Glance



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Nebraska Extension provides outdoor learning opportunities to promote physical and mental health, enhance creativity and problem-solving skills, foster a connection with nature, and encourage social development in youth.

Teachers from five area schools brought their third- and fourth-grade students to Southwest Nebraska's first annual Environmental Education Festival. The program encouraged the 177 participants to actively engage with the natural environment through direct experiences such as observing wildlife, collecting data on plant life, and protecting the environment. One teacher praised the new program, stating, "This program is amazing! The kids loved it," while another commented, "They learned a lot about the environment and were able to learn in an outdoor setting." Students gained a deeper understanding and connection to the environment while enhancing problem-solving skills, learning about careers, and fostering curiosity about STEM subjects.

- *The Fundamentals of Feeding the Cow* webinar series focused on a cow's nutritional requirements and available feeding options. Of the 101 participants, 88% indicated they are likely to make changes to their operation as a result of the program.
- Pesticide and Chemigation certifications led to 58 agricultural producers obtaining their licenses.

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5th and 6th graders across southwest Nebraska gained nutrition and cooking skills through Healthy Habits Program.

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Latino women participated in nutrition and cooking classes to identify foods and incorporate American traditions into their cooking.

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youth participated in Nebraska 4-H youth development programs, reaching over 70% of age eligible youth.



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