

# Merrick County

## 2024 Impact At-A-Glance



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Early exposure to STEM fields is crucial for youth as it fosters curiosity, creativity, and a foundation of critical thinking skills that are essential for future success.

Kindergarten through 2nd-grade students from across Merrick County attended STEM Field Day, where they explored the world of STEM through hands-on, engaging activities.

"STEM Field Day was a wonderful opportunity for our students. We were able to connect classroom teachings to real-world applications, creating an experience that sparked excitement and curiosity. It was a hands-on learning opportunity we couldn't have achieved without the Merrick County Extension team. Kids were talking about this field trip for weeks! STEM Field Day helps equip students with the skills and knowledge they'll need to become successful innovators in the future," shared Bailee Hohensee, teacher.

### Programs At-A-Glance

- *4-H: 1,697 youth were impacted through clubs, special interest, school enrichment, and summer workshops that promoted positive youth development.*
- *Ag Showcase: 110, 6th grade students, attended Ag Showcase, a one-day event, to help educate students about Merrick County and Nebraska ag products, resources and businesses.*

**89**

people attended 4 production Ag meetings to learn more about new innovations and receive certificates.

**51**

people were provided science-based information related to sustainable gardens, landscapes, and agriculture.

**13**

early childhood educators and providers in Merrick County were provided with direct continuing education hours.



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