

## Otoe County 2024 Impact At-A-Glance

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Nebraska Extension is creating strong agricultural markets for local farmers. At the 2024 Farm to School Institute in Nebraska City, farmers and food service staff from nine schools spent two days learning how to bring more Nebraska-grown foods into our schools.



Nearly 19% of Otoe County children face food insecurity, meaning they have limited access to the food they need to live a healthy life. For many Otoe County children, school meals are the healthiest foods they eat each day. That's why Nebraska Extension is helping schools provide the highest quality foods to students, with a focus on sourcing from local farmers. To do so, we provide training to schools and farmers on how to build strong relationships that benefit everyone involved. Think of it as a triple win: schools find the foods they need to meet school meal standards, farmers access new markets for their products, and students get the highest quality foods each day.

### Programs At-A-Glance

**4-H Choose Health:**  
*One hundred sixty-two Otoe County 8th graders were reached through the Choose Health: Fun, Food and Fitness programs. Students learned how healthy eating can help them be an effective leader in their community.*

**4-H Skillathon:**  
*Two Otoe County 4-H teams had a 1st place finish at the state Premier Animal Science Event (PASE) and went on to compete at the National competition in Louisville, KY. The Livestock Skillathon team tied for 11th out of 22 teams and the Poultry Judging Team placed 4th out of 21 teams.*

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**additional hours of coaching provided to 4-H Skillathon participants.**

# 80

**educational sessions were offered for youth ages 5-18.**

# 105

**Otoe County 3rd graders hatched 105 chicks through Embryology 101.**



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