

Platte County 2024 Impact At-A-Glance

67% of local youth gained valuable skills and confidence through 4-H programs, contributing to a stronger community.



Platte County 4-H reached 4,741 of 7,028 age-eligible youth through partnerships with 19 schools. These efforts were made possible through school enrichment programs, clubs, workshops, and community events, which equip youth with critical life skills while fostering creativity and leadership.

Rylee Seim, Regional Recruitment Coordinator at the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce, shares: "Our partnership with Nebraska Extension provides local students with valuable opportunities for leadership, career readiness, and community involvement, building a stronger future for Platte County."

Sheila Sloup, a 3rd-grade teacher at Centennial Elementary, adds: "The 4-H programming gives our students a fun way to incorporate STEM activities into the science standards. The kids absolutely love it!"

Thanks to the dedication of volunteers and partners, Platte County 4-H empowers young people, helping build a vibrant, connected community for years to come.

Programs At-A-Glance

Three growers participated in a new initiative that involved installing soil moisture sensors in their fields to support irrigation decisions. One grower shared, "My NRD called and said that among all my neighbors, I was the one who applied the least total irrigation amount, and my yield was not affected."

288

stakeholders certified at pesticide /chemigation training

916

NDE approved in-service hours were awarded to Platte County childcare providers

797

consumers received information on sustainable greenspace management and pest control