

Saunders County 2024 Impact At-A-Glance



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Saunders County Extension Helps Teachers and Students Grow Their Soybean Knowledge as Part of the Summer Soybean Institute

Nebraska grows millions of acres of soybeans, but many students may not know much about them. When East Butler 4th, 5th and 6th grade teachers, Stephanie Maca, Colleen Zajac, and Valerie Vandenberg asked Saunders County Extension to provide a hands-on experience to their students, the team jumped on the opportunity. Students learned about how soybeans are grown, how they are used, and how they impact their daily lives. Zajac stated “The stations were so interesting and I caught myself asking more and more questions. I learned so much about soybean growth and how they are used after harvest.” The Summer Soybean Institute was a partnership between the Nebraska Soybean Board, UNL’s Agronomy & Horticulture department, CASNR’s Education and Career Pathways team, and Nebraska Extension.

Programs At-A-Glance

- *The first year of the Great Plains Heifer Development program gave 11 producers game-changing data about their 132 replacement heifers years ahead of data tracking at home.*
- *4-H staff shared the Adventure Begins at your Library program with over 130 youth from Ashland, Cedar Bluffs, Ceresco, Mead and Yutan.*

42 %

of Saunders County youth reached by 4-H programs, clubs, school enrichment and afterschool programs.

33

Number of vendors at the inaugural Eastern Nebraska Corn and Soybean Expo held in January.

3,159

Number of entries submitted by Saunders County 4-H’ers to the 2024 Saunders County Fair.



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