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2024 Impact At-A-Glance



Pollinators are responsible for one in every three bites of food. By supporting their health, Nebraska Extension helps ensure the resilience of our food systems and wellbeing of our communities.

Dena Stevenson, Engagement and Outreach Manager at Kimmel Orchard, emphasizes the impact of Nebraska Extension programs on pollinator health. The orchard, which hosts UNL Bee Lab research and teaching bee hives, recently certified a new pollinator garden through the Nebraska Pollinator Habitat Certification program. With thousands of visitors each year, these initiatives ripple outward as visitors gain tools to promote pollinator health in their communities. These efforts not only help pollinators thrive, but also support the orchard's 90 acres of food production, drive economic growth, and enhance science education.

"We know pollinators are in decline due, in large part, to fewer spaces to forage and nest. Pollinator health education is about providing food and spaces for pollinators and people alike."

*- Ian Peterson,
Extension Educator*

4,219

Members enrolled in the Great Plains Master Beekeeping (GPMB) program.

80%

Of GPMB members have personally benefited from the program.

256

Pollinator gardens certified through Nebraska Extension.

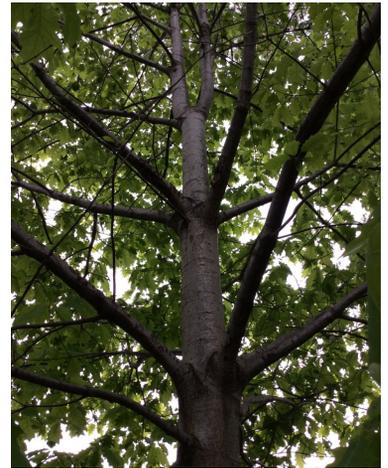


STRENGTHEN NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

INSPIRE NEBRASKANS & THEIR COMMUNITIES

ENHANCE THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF ALL NEBRASKANS

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Inspire Nebraskans & Their Communities Extension professionals work shoulder-to-shoulder with Nebraskans to protect natural resources, improve and manage landscapes, address bug-related issues, and grow safe, nutritious food. Through Extension experts and resources, Nebraskans have what they need to make well-informed decisions related to their surroundings, their health, their families, and their hometowns. Nebraska Extension is an integral partner in helping Nebraska live up to its well-earned reputation as “The Good Life.”

- Partnered with the Opportunities with Life Skills (OWLS) program to empower transition students with cognitive disabilities to learn greenhouse management and growing skills.
- New season, new set! Backyard Farmer, the nation's longest-running, locally produced, non-syndicated television show, debuted a new set with the support of partner Nebraska Public Media.
- The Domestic Water/Wastewater Program promoted being "Septic Smart," distributing 1,200 rolls of toilet paper with information on septic system management to protect public and environmental health.

67%
Of greenspace professionals adopted new practices to improve tree health thanks to Extension's ProHort Program.



Statewide programs like GROBigRed, Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Water Dogs, and the 4-H Special Garden Project support fruit & vegetable growers, improve landscape management, and engage youth.



65,000
Contacts made with Nebraskans and beyond through learner-centric programs and community engagement.