

Crop Production Roadshow



The Roadshow gave producers valuable information on weed and insect management, soil health, a farmer profitability challenge, moving the farm/business forward, and late season nitrogen applications in soybeans. Across 5 locations, the program reached 70 producers, consultants or landowners representing 301,600 acres. The estimated value of knowledge gained by those attending was \$7/acre.

“Very informative. Should be beneficial, especially for soil health, bugs, and weed control.” – Ag Producer

CHOW (Cultivating Health Our Way)

Dawson County Extension partnered with the Lexington Regional Health Center to receive a grant for a community garden aimed at increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables for families experiencing poverty. The Garden was able to provide 2266 pounds of produce to 342 participants, of whom over 60% were ethnic minorities. The grant provided gardening information, equipment and garden supplies. A few of the many other partners were the Community Fitness Initiative (CFI), the Lexington Presbyterian Church, and the Lexington Afterschool Program.



Custer and Dawson County’s AgFest



754 multicultural 4th and 5th grade youth, teachers and volunteers increased their knowledge of Nebraska agriculture by 64% with two ag literacy field days called AgFest. Students were taught the importance of beef, corn and water in their lives as well as experiencing hands-on educational exhibits tied to Nebraska agriculture. Students’ understanding of how agriculture impacts their lives and really the entire world, will equip them for a future that will include a positive view of state and national ag-related policies.

“Students were able to experience many areas of agriculture instead of just reading about it in books. I think they will be more observant now! Their attention was grabbed! They had fun!” – Elementary teacher

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