



Upcoming Events:

- June 1st - Extension Board Mtg.
- June 2nd - Water Riches Call
- June 3rd - Staff Mtg.
- June 3rd - Chat w/ Chuck Webinar
- June 4th - NAWMN Video Shoot
- June 8th - AFRI Water Programming Presentation
- June 11th - Excellence in Ag Sciences Day
- June 15th - FCDC Strategic Planning
- June 16th - Unit Leader Webinar
- June 22nd - NCEA Strategic Planning
- June 24th - Unit Leader Webinar
- June 29th - PASE Quiz Bowl
- June 30th HR4AG Team Meeting
- July 7th - Livestock Supt. Meeting
- July 8th - Pet Show
- July 12-16th - NACAA AMPIC conference, SD
- July 17-23rd - County Fair

Narrative Report - May 2015

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Crops for the Future

Youth Development – Crops & Ag Literacy

I submitted the **Irrigation Z-Mag publication** to University Communications for development. I am also working on a USDA- NIFA grant with a team of UNL, Kansas and California Extension faculty.

A record number of 96 youth participated in the **Progressive Ag Safety Day** on May 28th. In addition, three adults participated in the adult workshop portion. Sessions on bike safety, roll-over safety, drug dog demo, combine safety, lawn mower safety, train safety, hearing awareness, pinch points, electrical safety, healthy lifestyles, medical air transport were held. New Ag Safety Day committee members have been asked to participate and assist in the planning for next year.

Due to wet weather, the third attempt was finally successful in planting the **community garden**. Tomatoes, peppers, green beans, onions, cucumbers and squash were planted in addition to a flower border.

Excellence in Ag Sciences Day will be held June 11th at Omaha Bryan Schools. Schedule planning is well underway and plans are being finalized.

Crop Production

I was asked to participate in the **HR4AG** (Human Resources For Ag) team. We have received a grant from the North Central Risk Management Center to conduct leadership training for agricultural

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producers and agricultural industry professionals. I created an outline for one of the leadership development sections and more curriculum writing and activities will be done.

4-H Youth Development

An even 100 market 4-H and FFA sheep weighed in at the **Sheep Weigh-In** May 26th. Since I've been here, this is the most sheep; we've ever weighed in. Planning for the County Fair continued.

Professional & Organizational Development

I hosted a **Southeast Extension District Extension Board In-Service** in which the Nebraska Extension Staffing 2020 plan was discussed with Extension Board members. Nearly 30 board members and Extension staff were present.

As Vice President of the **Nebraska Cooperative Extension Association**, I assisted with the strategic planning discussion and how to revise our goals based on member feedback at Eureka and other survey responses.

I facilitated our office move from 972 G Street to 1340 G Street (the old long-term care unit of the old hospital). I've been working on various logistics, etc. On May 20th, Holly Neumeyer started as Office Manager. Training and assisting her in her new role will be an ongoing process through this first year, as the programming "season" unfolds. This year, we were also fortunate to hire an extension summer aide. Whitney Lovegrove has been hired to assist with various 4-H and extension programs throughout the summer.

