



March 2021 Narrative Report

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Upcoming Events:

Apr. 1st – Conversations with Coordinators, IYCC planning mtg.

Apr. 5th – Plant Science workshop – Clay Co., State Fair Static Supt. mtg., Fillmore Co. Extension Board mtg.

Apr. 6th – UNMC iEXCEL 4-H Partnership mtg., Zone 10 mtg., Clay County office manager interviews

Apr. 7th – Coaching PD, NebrASKa Virtual Field Trip

Apr. 8-9th – Lead Educator Training

Apr. 9th – NCEA leadership with Dave, Ag Tours VR mtg.

Apr. 12-13th – Public Issues Leadership Development virtual conference

Apr. 14th – Garden TOOLS – Corn

Apr. 15th – Clover Kids – Fillmore, NACEB zoom

Apr. 19th – WTT mtg

Apr. 20th –STEM Careers, Zone 10 Connection

Apr. 21st – Coaching PD

Apr. 22nd – CWFUS prep, employee wellness mtg. Clover Kids - Clay

April. 23rd – Understanding ISMs, Pollinator Workshop Group mtg.

Apr. 29th – Supervisor Training, Teosinte workshop

Apr. 30th –Ag Tours VR mtg.

Crops – Youth & STEM

The **Virtual Field Trip** team continued with two field trips in March. I took the lead on the tour of the Meat Animal Research Center program which included obtaining pre-recorded videos and pictures, editing it for the day and leading the live discussion. I also created an enrichment lesson that teachers can assign to their youth. Our team also created other lessons on recorded field trips as Nebraska FFA will be highlighting them during the virtual state FFA convention.

Garden TOOLS for Corn professional development program for youth development professionals continued; we have one more session for extension professionals in which we will write lessons to be peer-reviewed for school programming, workshops, etc. I am also helping with a series of Garden TOOLS for Corn that is for science teachers and curriculum coordinators on the same program.

The **Virtual Reality Field Trip** team I am on is now working on submitting an ARFI grant proposal. This would enable collaboration among Nebraska, Hawaii and Alaska extension programs for youth to interact with each other, while creating virtual reality experiences for junior high and high school youth. I am tasked with putting together the curriculum outline for April.

4-H Youth Development & Ag Literacy

Fanning the Flame cohort met with Dr. Lodl and have been working on how to better delegate and lead those whom we work, both staff and volunteers. One of the last sessions focused on the 6 “E”s of motivating others: example, expectations, education, encouragement, empowerment and extending trust.

Nebraska Extension has created new resources for club volunteers, leaders, council members, etc. Our team had planned a



volunteer appreciation event and training but unfortunately had to cancel due to low registration numbers. A needs assessment on what format and information volunteers prefer before our next program.

Rachel and I assisted the Fillmore Central wellness committee at the **middle school wellness day**. I facilitated the John Baylor test taking strategy session. I met with the **Progressive Ag Safety Day** committee to plan the 2021 annual event. This interactive event is planned for May 27th at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds.

Clover Kid workshops started in Clay and Fillmore Counties with a combined total of eight youth who participated in-person and another 2 youth who received supplies to complete on their own. We focused on inclusivity and appreciating differences among people and completed a "children around the world" poster that can be entered at the fair.



I also am leading the **Wellness in Tough Times** youth team. We identified some resources to incorporate into current programming around building resiliency and stress management. Our team is reviewing those resources to see which ones are most relevant and useful for the pilot communities we are working with.

Unit Leader, Professional Development & Cropping Systems

I completed emergency plans for both Clay and Fillmore County offices in the event of a disaster. I led another **Extension Wellness Friday** conversation on ways to improve productivity and effectiveness. I met with staff for annual performance evaluation conversations and have been working with Deanna on the hiring of a new Clay County office manager. As **President** of the **Nebraska Association of Cooperative Extension**, I continue to lead monthly meetings with the board to continue moving NCEA forward.

News Columns/Blogs

Mar. 3rd – Keeping Kids Safe in Virtual Environment

Mar. 10th – Disaster Anniversaries

Mar. 17th – LEAD Program Resumes

Mar. 24th – Invasive Species

Mar. 31st – Egg Production