

EXTENSION TRENDS: **NEZ PERCE COUNTY**

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2025 By the Numbers

- **2,556** direct contacts
- **400** youth participants
- **92** volunteers
- **16,100** youth participants
- **\$519,733** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Nez Perce County: Tom Conklin, Clint Zenner, Buck Armitage, Shanna Bruun, Betty Peters, Lynn Johnson, Lisa Stoddard and Angie Beck.

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2025 Impact

Administrative Associate and Advanced Master Food Safety Advisor Shawna Hobson taught classes on fermentation, canning carrots, applesauce canning as well as Dutch oven classes in 2025. Horticulture Associate Danielle Evans partnered with three Washington State University Extension offices to provide beginning Master Gardener training in the Lewiston area. She taught several horticulture classes, participated in community health fairs, and coordinated the seasonal diagnostic plant clinics provided to the public. Educator Kathee Tifft developed and piloted the Aging with Intent and Meaning (AIM) program with a series of evening classes provided in partnership with the city library and a daytime series provided in partnership with the community center. 4-H Coordinator Mary Kate Myers led a program with 400 youth participants, including Youth Livestock Field Days, Super Saturday Leader Training, and CL2NI Summer Camp. Area Educator Doug Finkelburg coordinated northern Idaho Cereals Schools, pesticide applicator clinics, agricultural field days and conducted a regional producer survey on weeds. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, led the Outreach and Education Committees of the Pacific Northwest Herbicide Resistance Initiative and the Innovative Agricultural Marketing Program for Idaho.

4-H in Nez Perce County

Myers led a program with 400 youth participants, including 41 Cloverbuds, who enrolled in 510 projects. A total of 82 4-H volunteer leaders provided direction and guidance for 24 active 4-H clubs, whose members completed and exhibited 493 projects at the 2025 Nez Perce County Fair.

On the Horizon

Hobson will incorporate freeze drying food safety into her programming. Evans is conducting a beginning Master Gardener training program as well as directing the re-establishment of a demonstration garden for the public. Meyers will continue leading a large, dynamic county 4-H program. Finkelburg will continue leading regional efforts to address systemic challenges to crop production. He will collaborate with soil and water conservation districts to evaluate post-harvest weed seed control strategies, the effectiveness of nitrogen stabilizers in high rainfall cropping systems and host events for crop producers and agricultural professionals while supporting Master Gardener education efforts and ISDA pesticide license recertification events. Tifft will continue to develop the AIM program with the guidance of an advisory committee and using suggestions and comments from healthy aging audiences. She will complete training on additional aging topics and mental health topics and incorporate new classes into the AIM program.