

EXTENSION TRENDS: **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

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2025 By the Numbers

- 14,893 direct contacts
- 630 youth participants
- 90 volunteers
- 1,352 volunteer hours
- \$5,200 extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Jefferson County: Alan Clark, Holly Farnsworth, Gabriel Arteaga, Amber Harris, Tamar Lass, Kristin Laux, Donna Young, Ray Young, Timalee Geisler, Brittany Fielding, Doris Mortimer, Jana Hamilton, Parker Cook, Melanie Hathaway, Melanie Martinez, Sam Springer, Maria Martinez, Orange Warner and Lindsey Anderson.

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2025 Impact

Joseph Saggers emphasized pest management in 2025, conducting multiple presentations on vole control options and alternative methods to controlling vole, and delivered agricultural safety information in Spanish, presenting "A Guide to Digging Safely" at the Idaho Potato Conference. Newsletters were used to advise on topics like spring pruning, pasture readiness and preventing nitrate poisoning. Livestock was highlighted by focusing on quality assurance, including several sessions of beef quality assurance training and plant physiology at the Lost Rivers Grazing Academy to enhance grazing management. Scholarly output included two published refereed journal articles, which analyzed the effects of harvesting forage barley and oats on yield, quality and economic returns. Scholarly posters concerning topics such as liming for improved nutrient utilization and the impact of tillage/fertility in rotation systems were also presented in 2025.

Deanna Poulsen focused on the Master Food Safety Advisor program and hands-on food preservation classes. The sewing workshop was well attended and as a result, many projects stemming from the workshop were on display. A poster presentation on facilitating a sewing workshop was showcased at NAE4-HYDP. Newsletters and social media posts focused on nutrition, safe food handling and program marketing including youth financial literacy, Dementia Friends and Fitness Made Simple.

4-H in Jefferson County

4-H programming was offered at eight elementary schools in the county educating on nutrition, hand washing, STEM/craft projects and pioneer days. STEM classes were also offered in two middle schools. About 100 youth participate in the shooting sports program and utilize a public rifle range. The shooting range staff are always impressed with the youth, parents and volunteers on how they conduct themselves when using their facility. The livestock program continues to grow. Three different livestock judging teams traveled nationally, representing Idaho and performing well. Clothing construction day camps are popular, and projects are enthusiastically showcased in the Style Revue at the county fair.

On the Horizon

In addition to the many classes and workshops offered for agricultural producers, UI Extension is involved in grain research that will continue through 2026.

The Master Food Safety Advisor program is gaining traction amongst those in the geographical area, expanding in 2026 with nine registered participants. The Eastern District Sewing Workshop was met with excitement and 12 adult participants (youth 4-H leaders) from various counties attended. UI Extension plans to offer the workshop again in 2026. Poulsen will also be involved in the re-writing of the Master Food Safety Advisor handbook, specifically chapters on canning (pickles, tomatoes and salsas), fruit spreads, cold storage, emergency preparedness and aids for outreach.