

EXTENSION TRENDS: **CARIBOU COUNTY**

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2025 By the Numbers

- **8,450** direct contacts
- **257** youth participants
- **23** volunteers
- **1,035** volunteer hours
- **\$107,814** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Caribou County: Kyle Wangeman, Eric Simonson, Blair Rindlibaker, Jake Osbourn, Dan Lakey, Robbie Bagley and Dale Simmons.

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2025 Impact

UI Extension has been hosting cereal schools for generations, providing many farms with the tools they have needed to be successful over the years. Cereal grains (wheat and barley) provide a significant dollar flow into Idaho's agricultural economy. Over the last few years, growers have had many more opportunities to receive information, making it extremely important that UI Extension programs are on point, so they don't become irrelevant. An advisory group made up of growers and industry representatives helps ensure that programs are relevant. In 2025, the format of Cereal Schools was changed to one large event, the East Idaho Cereals Conference. Instead of spending a lot of money and time on a lot of small venues, efforts were consolidated to focus on one event. Over 300 people attended and farmers and industry representatives were thrilled with the new model. Fifty-five attendees completed the conference evaluation and were asked to rate their knowledge level before and after the presentations. On average, participants reported that their knowledge increased by 1.1 (on a 5-point scale). Producers were asked how much the Cereals Conference would make or save them in dollars per acre. They reported that it would profit them \$12/acre. Collectively they manage 36,920 acres, bringing the total profit to \$443,040.

4-H in Caribou County

The fairgrounds in Grace are receiving a face lift. A picture from the 1930s of the stokyards shows that some of the same buildings at the fairgrounds still stand. A \$50,000 grant was received from Ag West to revamp the show barn. The 4-H program also received \$5,000 from Nutrien to continue agriculture and natural resource summer programming.

On the Horizon

The UI Extension office moved into a new building in Grace, located at the Caribou County Fairgrounds. It boasts an 8,000 square foot event center that will house countless events that will benefit the community in many ways. The team is excited about all of the opportunities that will be available for Extension programs.