

EXTENSION TRENDS: **BINGHAM COUNTY**

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2025 By the Numbers

- **12,601** direct contacts
- **1,011** youth participants
- **63** volunteers
- **1,420** volunteer hours
- **\$66,680** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Bingham County: Evelyn Hitchcock, Deb Reiland and Norm Radamaker.

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2025 Impact

The Eastern Idaho Livestock Schools provided a series of educational programs reaching more than 100 participants in 2025. Events included a kidding/lambing clinic in Blackfoot, calving schools in Rexburg and Idaho Falls, and a goat artificial insemination class. These programs delivered timely, research-based livestock management training and strengthened producer networks. The third annual Bingham County Progressive Ag Safety Day brought over 200 fifth-grade students, parents and chaperones to the Eastern Idaho State Fairgrounds. Guest educators from Idaho Power, Idaho Fish and Game, Bingham County Search and Rescue, the U.S. Forest Service, AmeriCorps, and UI Extension 4-H Youth Development provided instruction on ATV safety, gun safety, and first aid. Collaboration between U of I, South Dakota State University and Utah State University Extension supported a monthly Sheep and Goat Webinar Series featuring 12 webinars. The Idaho 4-H State Livestock Skillathon continues its long-standing role in youth livestock education.

Educator Reed Findlay continued to lead the forage team on a four-year research project aimed at mitigating high fertilizer costs and lowered availability of essential nutrients. This research will help reduce dependence on inorganic outside fertilizers and improve profitability. An economic analysis will be completed at the conclusion of the project.

4-H in Bingham County

The UI Extension 4-H program in Bingham County provided a wide range of youth development opportunities throughout the year, including an overnight 4-H camp and multiple after school, in-school and summer day camp programs. In addition to these educational experiences, the program supported numerous livestock projects and maintained active 4-H clubs year-round, ensuring that local youth had continual access to hands-on learning, leadership development and meaningful community involvement. Findlay assisted with the horse and livestock project shows at the Bannock/Bingham County Fairs and taught shooting sports, plant identification, and insect identification and collection at 4-H camps.

On the Horizon

The UI Extension 4-H program will expand youth learning opportunities in 2026 by offering additional livestock day camps, more in-school educational programs and another 4-H overnight camp. These new experiences will build on the strong foundation of existing programs, providing even more hands-on learning, leadership development, and skill-building activities for youth throughout the year. The continued growth of these offerings reflects the programs commitment to supporting diverse interests, strengthening community engagement and ensuring that young people have access to high-quality, enriching 4-H experiences.

Agriculture research will focus on quantifying ammonia volatilization emissions from traditional and novel nitrogen fertilizer sources and placements in small grains using three types of traps. Government policies and consumer sentiments to quantify and reduce greenhouse gas emissions require agricultural producers reduce their environmental impact. Additional research is needed to understand the ammonia volatilization loss potential of traditional and novel N fertilizers with and without fertilizer stabilizers and at different application rates and soil placements.