

EXTENSION TRENDS: **ONEIDA COUNTY**

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2025 By the Numbers

- 4,497 direct contacts
- 2,190 youth participants
- 39 volunteers
- 350 volunteer hours
- \$500 extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Oneida County: Bill Lewis, Lexie Evans, Dr. Phillip Firth, John Williams, Josh Pasket, Joan Hawkins, Kirk Nielsen and Staci Tripp.

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2025 Impact

UI Extension in Oneida County had an impact in multiple areas this year. The 4-H program is strong and growing. The county fair was an excellent display of 4-H talent and hard work. Agriculture programming has also increased. Two different schools for beef producers were held on the topics of heifer development and meat/carcass quality. Forage and cereal schools were also held as educational opportunities for local growers. The number of family and consumer sciences programs offered in Malad has increased each year and have made an impact in the community, educating individuals about canning/preserving, meal preparation, smart shopping and more.

4-H in Oneida County

The UI Extension 4-H program held several afterschool activities including making a mechanical hand, homemade snow, a kaleidoscope, jar heart model that pumps like a human heart, and a caterpillar on a leaf that moved. Extension staff participated in Ag in the Classroom activities, including talking with students about animals utilizing skulls. Elementary Ag Day was also a huge success and included collaboration between the Soil Conservation District, Malad FFA and the Forest Service. A falconer presented to 4-H youth and was a favorite event of the year. There was an increase in the number of livestock and horse participants, however, static projects were not as large. All in all, the year was a great success.

On the Horizon

Upcoming in 2026 are plans for more STEM programming for 4-H youth and continuing to partner with afterschool programs. A program is currently in the works to provide training to local first responders on how to deal with livestock transportation emergencies. 4-H programming will continue with the assistance of a summertime AmeriCorps intern. Equine programs/classes are also being developed which will be taught in multiple counties.