

# EXTENSION TRENDS: **ELMORE COUNTY**

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## 2025 By the Numbers

- **2,915** direct contacts
- **211** youth participants
- **43** volunteers
- **2,107** volunteer hours
- **\$259,208** extramural funding

## Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Elmore County.

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## 2025 Impact

New educator Joel Haas joined the UI Extension, Elmore County office in 2025. Haas has a master's degree from Oregon State University and a bachelor's degree from California State, Fresno. He previously worked in the livestock feed and animal health industries. He is getting to know the people of Elmore County as he becomes familiar with his new job duties.

UI Extension partnered with Mountain Home Parks and Recreation for Arbor Day and 4th Grade Field Day events in 2025. The office helped the Elmore County Soil and Water District with their 9th grade field day, which included students from Glens Ferry and Mountain Home high schools. Additionally, UI Extension collaborated with ISDA to offer in-person Pesticide Applicator's License Re-Certification Seminars in Elmore County.

In 2025, many individuals contacted the UI Extension office for help with various tree and lawn issues along with requests for insect and plant identification. Haas conducted numerous site visits to diagnose and suggest treatments for various tree diseases. He also collaborated with a local newspaper to produce articles about various agricultural and horticultural topics, including mitigation of Mormon crickets, fall lawn care and treating iron deficiency in popular tree species.

## 4-H in Elmore County

UI Extension 4-H enrollment in Elmore County stays right around 210 members. Through outreach programs, 4-H curriculum was taught at three different schools, Mountain Home Air Force Base and various day camps and activities. 4-H activities at the Glens Ferry STEAM and Literacy Nights are always popular. The 4-H At Home Club and Cloverbud Activity days are also well attended.

Archery remains the largest shooting sport project in Elmore County. Swine numbers have decreased, but sheep, goat and beef enrollment has increased. There has also been an increase in small animal market projects, like market broilers and turkeys, as families in urban areas realize they can participate in 4-H Livestock Sale with these species with minimal land and startup investment. A total of 195 youth exhibitors showed in 34 different project areas with 819 fair entries and the Livestock Sale proceeds once again reached record levels.

## On the Horizon

Master Gardener classes will be offered starting in January 2026. Haas is also planning a Beef School aimed at providing local beef cattle producers with research based information on enhancing production practices. Plans are underway to collaborate with the King Hill Grange in offering an Arbor Day event in Glens Ferry. Outreach activities to the communities of Pine and Featherville have been planned, including a possible Earth Day tree seedling distribution.