

EXTENSION TRENDS: **LEWIS COUNTY**

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2025 By the Numbers

- 8,400 direct contacts
- 171 youth participants
- 27 volunteers
- 800 volunteer hours
- \$11,000 extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Lewis County: Michelle Koepl, Quin Wemhoff, Kaci Ralstin, DeeDee Osburn, Roscoe Hix, Bryce Ingram, Sarah Zenner, Chad Knowlton, Justin McLeod, Eric Hasselstrom and Mike Tornatore.

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2025 Impact

In 2025, UI Extension, Lewis County planned and facilitated educational events in 4-H youth development, agriculture, horticulture and community development. Longstanding programs such as cereal schools, crop tours and livestock youth field days continued with great turnout and positive evaluations.

In partnership with neighboring counties, UI Extension introduced hybrid Victory Garden horticulture classes, the first horticulture programming in the county in many years. Additionally, a collaborative effort with North Idaho Correctional Institute resulted in hands-on horticulture classes for residents who researched horticulture topics and successfully grew their own produce and flowers.

4-H in Lewis County

The UI Extension 4-H program in Lewis County had 171 active youth supported by 27 volunteers. Youth and volunteers participated in numerous livestock field days, clinics, weigh-ins, shows, camps and the Lewis County Fair. Lewis County 4-H members also competed in the Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests, which were hosted in Lewiston.

The Idaho-Lewis County Cattle Association sponsored the inaugural Lewis County Beef Carcass Contest, awarding cash prizes to the top five beef carcasses, encouraging high-quality livestock projects. Additionally, a new Lewis County High Point Exhibitor award was introduced to recognize an individual who demonstrated exceptional participation and achievement across both animal and non-animal projects.

On the Horizon

UI Extension is excited to expand current horticulture classes with a winter/spring 2026 offering of Master Gardeners and continue horticulture classes at NICI. The reach of the 4-H program will be expanded with more day camps and local clinics.