

EXTENSION TRENDS: **USTER COUNTY**

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2025 By the Numbers

- **5,905** direct contacts
- **123** youth participants
- **42** volunteers
- **\$6,450** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

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

UI Extension Educator



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2025 Impact

Educator Sarah Baker organized and conducted educational programs on livestock production and marketing, including the importance of learning to produce cattle utilizing beef quality assurance standards. She organized and conducted BQA certification at events throughout the state as the co-coordinator of the Idaho BQA program. She collaborated on the development of educational materials for low-literacy and Spanish-speaking audiences for the state BQA program and mentored Spanish-speaking trainers during certification events for Hispanic workers at various feedlots in Idaho.

Baker organized and planned meat cutting demonstration classes in conjunction with an FCS educator, which led to requests for similar presentations in other counties. She conducted youth carcass contests at local county fairs for market livestock projects and coordinated activities promoting agriculture during Ag Week, including multiple presentations to elementary students to teach them about the importance of agriculture.

Baker presented at various producer meetings to educate and promote weed control projects on private and public lands to local landowners and beef producers including local water district meetings and spring grazing permittee meetings with the SNRA, BLM, USFS, and NRCS and local soil conservation districts.

4-H in Custer County

Funding was secured to hire a temporary position to assist with 4-H activities during and after the Custer County Fair in 2025. Baker planned and implemented 4-H livestock programs in Custer County and increased livestock enrollment with 15 additional livestock projects from last year. Enrollment also increased in the 2nd year market poultry 4-H club and 2nd year sewing club. UI Extension organized and conducted the Custer County Fair and Sale with the assistance of the Fair Board, 4-H Leader's Council, and 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale (CCMAS) Committee; increased sale donations to 4-H & FFA youth by over \$90,000 from 2024, and increased add-on donations to 4-H & FFA youth by over \$3,400.

On the Horizon

Plans for 2026 include increasing 4-H programming opportunities for youth in Custer County with the addition of 4-H staff joining the office. UI Extension will also increase educational opportunities for young ranchers in the area and highlight the importance of being involved in industry events and meetings at a younger age. Statewide plans include promoting and conducting the new Spanish speaking BQA educational training opportunities for beef producers.