

EXTENSION TRENDS: **CARIBOU COUNTY**

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2022 By the Numbers

- **2,493** direct contacts
- **211** youth participants
- **16** volunteers
- **652** volunteer hours
- **\$39,100** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Caribou County: Brett Torgeson, Cameron Williams, Scott Brown, Kyle Wangeman, Eric Simonson, Blair Rindlibaker, Jake Osbourn, Steve Samowitz, Glen Wight, Steve Wight and Reed Crandall.

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2022 Impact

Cereal Schools have been held across southeast Idaho for many years, but during the pandemic in-person seminars were not possible. To meet the needs of producers, a hybrid attendance approach was adopted and continued this year. Those who felt comfortable attending in-person were able to participate at the Extension office and those who wanted to attend virtually had that opportunity as well. While producers accepted this model, they have expressed that the face-to-face interaction is important, not only for educational purposes but also for mental health. While producers mostly enjoy having face-to-face programs, they prefer virtual Pesticide Applicator trainings. Participants estimate that UI Extension saved them \$8,594 this year by holding these events online.

In 2022, 51 War on Weeds articles were published in the local newspaper. The weekly War on Weeds articles are designed to educate the public about important weeds of concern. Some articles focus on weeds already found in Caribou County and others warn about weeds are trying to be kept out of the county and surrounding areas.

4-H in Caribou County

4-H programs are growing in Caribou County. Additional staff members for the summer allowed more programs and activities to be held. An array of programs for youth to develop life skills were offered including, working ranch horse, horse, market animal, sewing, wildlife, fishing, 4-H camp, and many other craft/STEAM day camps.

On the Horizon

UI Extension strives to meet the needs of the community by offering relevant programs and conducting local research. Plans are underway to continue assisting with the UI Extension cereal variety trials, the Aphid monitoring network and with grazing studies.