

EXTENSION TRENDS: **FORT HALL RESERVATION**

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2022 By the Numbers

- **2,376** direct contacts
- **1,011** youth participants
- **13** volunteers
- **730** volunteer hours
- **\$183,616** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help develop programming and disseminate the work we do for UI Extension, Fort Hall Reservation through our five advisory boards in beef, range, general agriculture, horticulture and 4-H/youth development.

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2022 Impact

The Fort Hall Reservation observed COVID regulations which prohibited face-to-face programming until mid-March of 2022. Once COVID restrictions were lifted, the UI Extension, Fort Hall Reservation program was able to resume programming. In the area of horticulture, a gardening program was developed that reached over 90 participants. Participants learned how to plant gardens to provide healthy foods for their families and learned about other horticultural topics. A community favorite from this program was floral design.

A bull grading team evaluated 143 beef bulls. No bulls were rejected, which demonstrated significant achievement and improvement in bull quality selection. This is the second year out of a 23-year program that producers have achieved a 0% rejection rate. A beef marketing program that was developed in response to COVID marketing disruptions continued meeting producer needs. Producers gained knowledge and skills regarding online beef marketing tools. Producers implemented these skills to sell their calves for competitive prices. In 2021, an out-of-state producer brought five trichomoniasis positive bulls to a grazing allotment that bordered the Fort Hall Reservation. Trichomoniasis is a serious sexually transmitted disease that causes abortions in cattle. Once the problem was identified in 2022, an educational program was immediately implemented and tribal officials and affected producers learned how to mitigate the problem. One producer had a positive bull, but fortunately had followed the protocol for trichomoniasis prevention. As a result, the problem was quickly resolved with minimal damages.

Fort Hall Reservation 4-H

Educator Danielle Gunn collaborated with Tribal 4-H Program Director Nola Cates to provide tribal 4-H programming this year. The innovative 4-H program now entails traveling to three tribal afterschool programs to provide 4-H youth education. This is different from past programming when youth were transported to the UI Extension, Fort Hall Reservation office before the pandemic. This new model allows for expanded programming to reach more youth. The popular Tribal Youth in Ag Program is also offered at these facilities. Programming efforts reached 1,011 youth; 99 fall and spring classes and 18 summer classes were offered; and 288 projects were submitted to the Bingham County Fair. There were nine livestock and one poultry project. For the first in two years, 24 youth, six teen volunteers, and four adult volunteers attended 4-H camp. As a result, 100% of these youth stated they gained invaluable skills in responsibility, leadership, and project management.

On the Horizon

New programming for 2023-24 involves pursuing education and training for a Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA) on the Fort Hall Reservation. Education, training and the development of an RFPA will give producers the training and tools necessary to help control range fires when they first begin. Having trained producers in the field can help mitigate the catastrophic range fires frequently faced. Another new program will be community pet care classes. Pet care classes were requested via a needs assessment and will be used to improve pet health and reduce abandoned pet numbers.