

EXTENSION TRENDS: **ONEIDA COUNTY**

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2022 By the Numbers

- **905** direct contacts
- **366** youth participants
- **32** volunteers
- **300** volunteer hours
- **\$10,500** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Oneida County: Bill Lewis, Phillip Firth, John Williams, Jon Abrams, Josh Pasket, Lexie Evans and Luke Waldron.

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2022 Impact

With Oneida County being such a strong agricultural community, multiple events and schools were held to support local producers. Some of these included a beef school, pasture management school, and a farm and ranch summer finance series. Efforts were also made to assist producers in obtaining soil samples to maximize knowledge of what fertilizers were needed as well as forage and hay samples to maximize efficiency in feeding livestock. With grasshoppers and Mormon crickets being a problem, UI Extension partnered with ISDA to provide an informational session about the ISDA Grasshopper/Mormon Cricket control program where producers with agricultural use land can get bait at no cost from ISDA to assist in mitigating this problem. Overall, there was great success with all of these events and there are great plans for the upcoming years to assist community members in Oneida County.

4-H in Oneida County

The 4-H youth program in Oneida County is strong and growing. In 2022, \$10,500 in grant funding was received, which was used for strengthening current programs and clubs. Some of the items purchased included new livestock learning lab kits for market hog and beef clubs, new sewing machines for sewing and quilting club, and new sanders, hammers, and other supplies for the wood working club. Updated curriculum books were purchased for numerous clubs to replace the outdated ones that were being used. The horse 4-H program benefitted from this grant with the purchase of materials to build a gate, bridge, and trot over poles for the trail class. The baking and cake decorating clubs received numerous supplies to allow for more youth to be involved during their activities. This grant funding and the resulting supplies were desperately needed. Volunteers, parents and the youth have all commented on how they have enjoyed these new supplies and the opportunities that have opened because of it. The Cloverbud program was also started this year and has been a great introductory opportunity for younger youth in the county.

On the Horizon

UI Extension, Oneida County is looking forward to some great Extension programs including a farm succession planning educational series, beef schools, an agriculture field day, and pasture and range management sessions. The 4-H program plans to continue supporting current clubs along with adding a few new ones such as a chicken club, livestock judging and small-bore rifle. More livestock and equine day camps will be held throughout the summer and some of the current clubs will be held during the winter months which will open more time for the youth to be involved. Plans are also being put in place to plan and participate in a multi-county horse show during the summer months.