

# EXTENSION TRENDS: **POWER COUNTY**

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## 2022 By the Numbers

- 3,062 direct contacts
- 1,200 youth participants
- 40 volunteers
- 550 volunteer hours

## Our Advisory Council

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

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## 2022 Impact

Science Day was held at JR Simplot Elementary School again in 2022, with four UI Extension educators teaching fifth graders about barn owls, rodents, bugs and the life cycle of several animals. JRSE was able to become a STEM accredited school through these kinds of activities.

Farm management classes were offered virtually, as well as several pesticide recertifications classes, including some aquatic weed classes. Educator Terrell Sorensen and Extension Pesticide Specialist Ronda Hirnyck taught two virtual aquatic pesticide classes. Sorensen developed and taught two spring development classes at Fort Hall and also helped organize and put on the field trials for small grains in American Falls.

## 4-H in Power County

The UI Extension, Power County 4-H program was very busy in 2022 with 20 clubs doing everything from sewing to livestock. Fantastic 4-H Fridays were a success again in 2022 with members learning life skills like baking, card making, cookie decorating and other miscellaneous crafts. For the past 25 years, Power County 4-H has participated with William Thomas Middle School in the Life Skills program. Power County 4-H taught 20 students the life skill of archery in 2022.

Five years ago, a new sheep barn was built at the Power County Fairgrounds. In 2022 the barn was completely filled with sheep for the first time, having over 80 head of sheep and goats. The 4-H year ended with a record-breaking livestock sale, which will provide education opportunities for many 4-H members.

## On the Horizon

Sorensen will continue to work with two other UI Extension educators to make short videos about various water issues. Topics will include well depth measurements, installing water meters, snotel sites, cloud seeding, measuring stream flows, types of measurement devices for irrigation purposes, water sampling and several other ideas. Along with these ideas, Sorensen will be developing and putting on irrigation management classes.