



**Leasing Meeting**



**2005-2006 Osceola County  
4-H Council**



**Winning the Game Meeting**

## For the Citizens of Osceola County

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**Osceola County Extension Funding:**

Federal Tax Expenditures:	8.1%
State Tax Expenditures:	19.6%
Total County Expenditures:	20.6%
ISU Grant Expenditures:	11.6%
ISU User Fee Expenditures:	6.6%
Adult Volunteer Time (estimated):	33.5%

For each dollar that Osceola County spends for Extension programs, local citizens can gain the benefit of \$.39 in federal tax funds; \$.95 in state tax funds; and \$1.63 of volunteer time.

Iowa State University Extension delivers educational opportunities that make life better, healthier, safer, and more profitable for individuals and communities. Here are a few examples of the many ways ISU Extension in Osceola County delivers to citizens.

**Annie's Project** is a program designed to provide basic management information for farm women. This information covers the major categories of risk experienced by a farm business: Production, Marketing, Financial, Legal, and Human Resource. The information provided allows participants to be more confident about their input into the decisions made on the farm. Annie's Project has been offered in Sheldon and Spirit Lake during the past two years.

**Leasing Meetings** – Landlords and tenants needing information to determine fair rental values attended a farmland leasing meeting offered at the Osceola County Extension Office in August. Current information on cash rental rates and farmland values along with important legal issues involved in farmland leasing was presented as part of this annual summer program.

**Winning the Game** – Osceola County Extension partnered with Osceola County Farm Bureau to offer “Winning the Game: The Post Harvest Marketing Challenge”. This post harvest marketing workshop looks at seasonal price patterns, costs of storage and other information helpful in creating a marketing plan for grain that is placed in storage at harvest. Participants took part in a marketing simulation game that demonstrated the results of various marketing strategies.

**PAT Training** – The pesticide applicator education program is one of the largest training programs that ISU Extension does annually. During the 2006 training period, nearly 19,000 private pesticide applicators received their annual training requirements. Also, during the 2006 training period, nearly 9,000 people received the training for a commercial applicators license. Osceola County trained 148 private applicators and 7 commercial applicators.

## Osceola County Extension delivers



Root Clinic with Joel DeJong



Leaders Forum



Clover Kids

In Osceola County, Iowa State University Extension delivers research-based educational opportunities to manufacturers, families, youth, agribusinesses, and communities to advance Iowa's economy in the following ways:

**Root Clinic** – Seeing and learning what is below ground is just as or even more important than knowing what takes place in a field above ground. A root development day was held in August to show soil types, soil structures, compaction areas and moisture availability. 56 producers learned the factors that limit root growth and development in both corn and soybeans. Producers were made aware of the importance of scouting and digging roots before deciding on tillage practices for post harvest tillage.

**Leaders Forum** – Leaders Forum is a program developed by the six counties of northwest Iowa for individuals interested in and committed to encouraging economic development in northwest Iowa. The leadership program consisted of six seminars with a different topic and speakers at each session. Nearly 60 people participated in the six part program.

**2005-2006 Clover Kids** - 19 students, grades 1-3 participated in the Clover Kids program. The Clover Kids met one day a week after school for six weeks. During that time, they were involved with many fun and learning activities such as making homemade noodles, designing their own t-shirt, stepping stone, magnets, and rain gauges as well as each completing a record book. Their last meeting involved going on a field trip, "From the cow to the shelf". This field trip entailed touring a dairy near LeMars, IA that produces milk for Wells Blue Bunny and then proceeded on to tour Wells Blue Bunny to see what happens to the milk. They also were able to enjoy a scoop of ice cream while there.

**Youth in Osceola County** - During the 2006 enrollment year, 158 youth were enrolled in eight clubs with 18 volunteer leaders. The Osceola County Council consists of 15 youth and has been involved in many activities such as the Awards Banquet, Clover Kids, Osceola County Fair and 4<sup>th</sup> grade recruitment as well as many other activities.

**Osceola County Extension Website** – Osceola County Extension has developed an attractive, user friendly website and would like everyone to take a few moments to check it out and find some very useful information on it. You can find everything from 4-H forms and info to the most recent Cash Rental Survey as well as links to other websites that you may find informational. Also, take a few minutes to take a look at the calendar of events to see what upcoming meetings you might be interested in. Our website address is [www.extension.iastate.edu/osceola/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/osceola/)

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