



For the Citizens of Osceola County

Partnerships help Iowa State University Extension create a better future for all Iowans. Together we can improve quality of life in Iowa. Here are a few examples of ISU Extension partnerships at work in Osceola County.

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Annie's Project - Today many farm women have become a very involved business partner or the principal operator of a family farm business. Often they have little or no farm background and feel intimidated when making critical management decisions. Annie's Project is a program designed to provide basic management information for farm women. The information covers the major categories of risk experienced by a farm business: Production, Marketing, Financial, Legal, and Human Resource

Biosecurity Training - The second phase of the biosecurity initiative for the six counties of northwest Iowa took place in 2005. The second phase of the training in each of the six counties focused on the importance of biosecurity for the livestock producer and the general public. Dr. Patrick Webb told livestock producers that biosecurity measures are not difficult, just inconvenient. He also told participants that biosecurity is important to protect the health of livestock herds in Iowa as well as the market for those animals

Winning the Game – Farmers love to produce grain and sometimes have a difficult time marketing that grain. Pre-harvest and post-harvest marketing seminars call “Winning the Game” were hosted by Osceola County businesses and Iowa State University Extension of Osceola County to offer some new ideas and alternatives for marketing their grain.

Osceola County Extension is accountable to local citizens – For each dollar that Osceola County spends for Extension programs, local citizens can gain the benefit of 46 cents in federal tax funds; \$1.03 in state tax funds; and \$1.59 of volunteer time.

Osceola County Extension brings Iowa State University to you



Livestock Insurance Workshop

Iowa State University Extension serves Iowans through six program areas: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Business and Industry; Communities; Families; 4-H Youth Development; and Continuing Education. Osceola County Extension brings the university to you.

Livestock Revenue Insurance – Managing risk is important to every farm business. Livestock revenue insurance provides livestock producers with another tool to better manage revenue risk. ISU Extension Field Specialists Ron Hook and Dave Stender in cooperation with local Farm Bureau insurance agents conducted workshops in Osceola County to show producers how these tools could be incorporated into their risk management strategy.



Ribbon Carving at 2005 Osceola County Fair

Ribbon Carving - Due to a summer storm one of the trees by the 4-H exhibit building at the fairgrounds was severely damaged. With the chainsaw artist scheduled to come to the fair, it was decided to have an image carved in the portion of the trunk that was left. After taking suggestions the first couple of days of the fair, the design of a fair ribbon with a large rosette was chosen.

Youth in Osceola County - During the 2005 enrollment year, 177 youth were enrolled in eight 4-H clubs with 18 volunteer leaders. 144 members filled the barns and 4-H exhibit building at the fair in July. Fifteen outstanding 4-H members were selected to be on the 2005-2006 Osceola County 4-H Council and assisted at the awards program. They also assist with workshops, trainings, fair, and community service projects. Classroom enrichment, Clover Kids, and Biotech science classes were offered to youth in Osceola County school districts.



2005-2006
Osceola County 4-H Council

Shared County Director - The Osceola and Lyon County Extension Councils agreed in a formal memorandum of understanding to share the services of one County Director. Al Grigg, who was serving as the Osceola County Director, will share the responsibility of County Director in both counties. Because of the resources saved by sharing one director, the Osceola County Extension Council was able to hire a full-time program assistant/youth coordinator. Jodi Nasers was hired to fill this position and is busy presenting new youth programs throughout the county.

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