



# Report to the Citizens of Greene County

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*Greene County Extension, in partnership with Iowa State University, provides education and information to help the people of Greene County become the best. Please let us know how we can better serve you.*

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## Our Mission

Iowa State University Extension builds partnerships and provides research-based learning opportunities to improve quality of life in Iowa. We believe in quality, access, diversity, and accountability. We are dedicated to engagement, entrepreneurship, and local presence.

In Greene County, ISU Extension offers programs that support agriculture & natural resources, business & industry, communities, families, 4-H & youth and extended & continuing education. Please contact our office soon and let us know how we can better serve you. Program highlights this year include:

- 334 producers, land owners and others interested learned about the 2002 farm bill.
- 234 Private & Commercial pesticide applicators gained CEU's.
- 20 Learned Ag Marketing from Steve Johnson, Field Specialist
- 38 participated in the Wind/Hail Clinic on July 18.
- 43 learned about vegetable production from Mohammad Kahn
- 265 youth participated in 12 community 4-H clubs.
- 48 youth developed skills through baby sitting & Clover Kids
- 17 families learned money management one-on-one through a grant from Partnerships 4 Families Decat/Empowerment Area.
- 33 learn food safety at Easy Receptions with Paulelda Gilbert.



**Science and mathematics are fun! Funtivities uses experiential activities to teach youth.**



**Wonderwise: SeaOtter Biologist provides hands on activities for youth ages 8-12 years old.**

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# Greene County Extension is involved in issues that matter

## New 2002 Farm Bill Prompts Questions

308 producers, farm owners and others learned about the new 2002 Farm Bill from Steve Johnson. 26 landowners considered the Farm Bill and other leasing information at the **Leasing Meeting** conducted by Kelvin Leibold. Both Johnson and Leibold are ISU Extension Farm Management Field Specialists. Johnson also leads the Marketing Club which provides producers cutting edge marketing education.

## Youth Learn Life Skills

626 Greene County youth in grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> learned life skills through 4-H participation this year! Celebrating 100 years of Iowa 4-H, 265 Greene County 4-Hers showed off their Power of YOUTH through involvement in citizenship activities, workshops, camps, area/state awards, state council, Iowa Youth Technology Team, state conference, county and state fair. Local school districts also took advantage of our science learning curriculum units to enrich learning opportunities in the classroom. The most popular units were Talking with TJ, On My Own and Ok and Growing in the Garden.

## Local Families Learn

Greene County families learn about **Childhood Obesity** and **Reception Food Safety** from Nutrition and Health Field Specialist Paulella Gilbert. Beth Fleming, Family Life Field Specialist presented workshops on “Where Did I Put Those Keys” and **Winter Depression**.

**Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?** explores transfer of personal property research. **You and Your Money** challenges participants to set family goals, consider needs and wants, design a spending plan, and achieve what they want from the money they earn. Ruth Freeman, Family Resource Management Field Specialist presents these topics.

Quality child care is the mission of Family Life Field Specialist, Sharon Mays who works with day care issues in Greene County.

1552 rural Iowa residents accessed counseling provided through the **Rural Mental Health** effort funded by SAMHSA in FY2002. One client commented “Thank you so much. I feel like a new man. The people . . . are awesome.”

## New Crops and Industries for the Future

Crops Field Specialist, John Kennicker answered questions from an innovative group of Greene County producers who are growing new crops as part of the Greene Bean Project.

Local leaders explored new opportunities to market products made from plant materials at the Jefferson **Iowa Industries of the Future** meeting. Tim Sullivan, Business & Industry Field Specialist presented.