



For the Citizens of Greene County



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In 1903 a group of Iowa farmers cooperated with Iowa State to establish the “extension idea” – taking the land-grant college to the people. Today Iowa State University Extension looks forward to being part of a better future for all Iowans in the next 100 years. Here is a synopsis of our work in Greene County in 2003:

With ISU Extension’s partnerships with other numerous organizations, and the excellent media coverage disseminating research-based information, it is challenging to determine exactly how many people have been touched with Extension’s resources in 2003. We acknowledge and thank organizations such as our agribusinesses, banks, public health department, medical center, the three K-12 schools, public libraries, commodity groups, human service agencies, radio stations, newspapers and governmental entities for their tremendous support! A very sincere Thank You!

What we DO know is that during the past 12 months, in Greene County alone 1,692 people have attended 73 Extension-sponsored activities, trainings, workshops and meetings outside of the youth program. Examples of the educational activities include:

- 144 farmers and 38 commercial pesticide applicators sharpened their skills and participated in the latest update in pesticide management.
- The soybean aphid emergency meeting was attended by 35 producers.
- 162 citizens gathered in a variety of meetings to map out the future of their communities.

In our youth programs, we reached 651 youth via our 4-H community club program, school enrichment, and after-school activities, as well as another 359 youth in shorter programs of less than 6 hour training. Youth of every age group, Kindergarten to grade 12 participated. Examples of our programs include:

- 258 youth participated in one or more of the 13 community based 4-H clubs.
- 353 youth utilized Extension-designed programs while attending school.
- 149 youth participated in multi-day programs, such as Clover Kids.

The Greene County 2003 Extension Council members are:

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Examples of programs and services during 2003



Paulelda Gilbert provides nutrition education at the Jefferson-Scranton High School health fair for teens. Nutrition education for all ages is one of Extension's important base programs. Other program examples include "Lighten-Up Iowa", food & nutrition projects with 4-H club members and sharing health and nutrition information with pesticide applicators.



Ruth Freeman shares financial education at the community Senior Fair in October, 2003. Resource management helps families manage money, possessions, time and relationships. An example of integrating resource management principles is Ruth's leadership with a community housing committee, specifically adding the affordability and family-wellness dimension to the discussion. Ruth also did double-duty this past year, serving as Interim County Director while continuing her field specialist teaching role.



Teaching youth about total quality management systems. Today's 4-H members who sell market hogs are required to attend training on quality production principles, such as giving vaccinations correctly, and keeping management records. Note that in this picture, qualified youth are teaching fellow youth, which demonstrates our "Youth as Partners" philosophy in life skill youth development.



Women in Agriculture program participants contemplate the details of the current farm bill.



Special youth programs such as the Rainforest program (above) are held in conjunction with the Jefferson library to enrich youth's lives. Extension partners with libraries, the park and recreation department, public health, and schools in offering programs to extend each others resources and avoid duplication. (below) The bike safety portion of our Clover Kids program was taught by Officer Hurley.



What's wrong with my plant? Your Greene County Extension office offers diagnosis services through our Master Gardeners and staff's horticulture knowledge, resource library, web-sites and on-campus specialist. Pictured is anthracnose on an Oak tree specimen.



Two intergenerational dialogues were held in the county. The purpose was to increase communication and understanding of needs of each generation when dealing with difficult community issues.



Discussion with ISU College of Agriculture. Local producers and agribusinesses were visited this past September by ISU's Dean Catherine Wotecki and 10 professors. The tour promoted Greene County agriculture and helped clarify our needs to Iowa State University.



Interested in Iowa grape production? September 2003 over 50 people attended a grape program in Greene County.

Breakout of ISU Extension Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2002-2003) by percent:

Federal tax expenditures	10.2%
State tax expenditures	25.3%
Total county expenditures	20.8%
ISU grant expenditures	12.2%
ISU user fee expenditures	10.7%
Volunteer time (est.)	20.8%

For each dollar that Greene County spends for Extension programs, local citizens gain the benefit of 49 cents in federal tax funds, \$1.22 in state tax funds, and \$1.00 of volunteer time.

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Our Mission – ISU Extension builds partnerships and provides researched-based learning opportunities to improve quality of life in Iowa