



Ag in the Classroom Trip to the George Dairy



Joel DeJong with private pesticide applicators



2005 Lyon County Fair participants

## For the Citizens of Lyon County

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### Lyon County Extension Funding:

Federal Tax expenditures:	8.6%
State Tax expenditures:	19.4%
Total County expenditures:	18.8%
ISU Grant expenditures:	11.0%
ISU User fee expenditures:	12.3%
Adult Volunteer time (estimated):	29.9%

For each dollar that Lyon 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.

### Lyon County Extension Council

**Members:** Paul Altena, Bruce Bonander, Virginia Klaassen, Mark Leuthold, Mark Metzger, Rodney Mogler, Diane Peters, Arlys Rozeboom & Brenda Vanden Top

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 Lyon County.

### “Ag in the Classroom”

The fourth grade students from the George-Little Rock School District participated in classroom activities to learn where their food comes from. The classes extended over a six week period and culminated with a tour of George Dairy. 11 students learned first hand how a dairy operates.

### “Pesticide Applicator Training”

The pesticide applicator training program is the largest extension training program in the State of Iowa. More than 18,000 private applicators plus more than 8,000 commercial applicators are trained on an annual schedule. State laws and regulations are covered in the training plus topics of grower interest such as soybean cyst nematodes, soybean aphids, corn rootworm treatments and use of seed treated with an insecticide.

### “Winning the Game”

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

### “4-H in Lyon County”

During the 2005 enrollment year, 211 youth were enrolled in 12 4-H clubs led by 20 volunteer leaders. 168 members ended the year by exhibiting at the fair, an 80% participation rate. Enrichment classroom experiences at all grade levels and Clover Kids were offered in all three school districts in the county, with 733 students experiencing class enrichment activities through Iowa State University.



Photo submitted by Virginia Klaassen  
Jane Goeken, Communities specialist,  
explains the Vision for Lyon County.

## Lyon County Extension brings Iowa State University to you

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. Lyon County Extension brings the university to you.

### “Shared County Director”

The Lyon County Extension Council and the Osceola County Extension Council 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 for both counties. Because of the resources saved by sharing one director, the Lyon County Extension Council was able to hire a full time program assistant/youth coordinator to work in the office. Katie Metzger was hired to fill this position and is busy working with new youth programs throughout the county.



Dr. Patrick Webb, Bruce Spence and  
Kathy Lee depict a table top exercise  
what could happen if a biosecurity  
event were to occur in Northwest Iowa

### “Community Visioning”

Lyon County community leaders were asked to complete an online survey assessment regarding their feelings about the future of Iowa State University Extension in Lyon County. This assessment was followed with a community visioning meeting where the participants prioritized the issues facing residents of Lyon County. Categories identified by those participating were: provide communication between the agricultural and urban sectors in planning for the future, promote economic growth, provide opportunities for youth involvement and family support, facilitate growth by addressing planning and zoning issues.

### “Biosecurity Initiative”

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 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 the participants that biosecurity is important to protect the health of our livestock herds in Iowa as well as the market for those animals.



Northwest Iowa Research  
Demonstration Garden moves from the  
Doon Research farm to the Lyon  
County Fair Grounds.

### “Bringing ISU to the People”

A partnership of ISU Extension, IA Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Stations, ISU Research and Demonstrations Farms, NW IA Experimental Association, and Lyon County Fair Association brought the ISU Demonstration Garden to the Lyon County Fairgrounds. The new location increased the visibility of the garden, increased attendance at the garden tour, increased interest in volunteers assisting with the garden, and increased options for using the garden as an educational tool.

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