



#STRONGIOWA

2021 IN ADAIR COUNTY

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State research and resources. We listen, learn, and work with the people of Adair County for a #STRONGIOWA.



**Sustainable
ENVIRONMENTS**



**Thriving
COMMUNITIES**



**Resilient
PEOPLE**



**Future
LEADERS**



The Adair County Extension Council has been elected by the people of the county to guide local educational programming by partnering with extension staff. From needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents you and your issues. We are always serving Iowans and we are here for you. Now. Always.

Thank you for your support.

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Serving the People of Adair County

As Iowans adjusted to life during the COVID-19 pandemic, ISU Extension and Outreach continued to prioritize health and safety as we delivered research-based education to the people of Adair County. During 2021 we focused on the following efforts.

Commercial Pesticide Applicator, Private Pesticide Applicator and ServSafe training and certifications, continued allowing the local businesses that require those certifications to stay open and on track. Dry manure training, another annual certification continued to support area entities that offer organic nutrients as additional revenue and a great fertilizer resource for area farmers.

Showcasing 4-H at the County Fair

The Adair County Fair returned in 2021, providing the



opportunity for youth to demonstrate what they had learned through their 4-H project work over the past year.

Youth development inspired by goal setting, project completion and record keeping sets our youth on a path towards career success.

Working toward Recovery

As our state works toward recovery, ISU Extension and Outreach Adair County has been supporting Iowans in reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy. Specifically Adair County Extension offered farmers a Forage Series that supported best uses of land, water, and ownership options to enhance their profits from livestock. The collaboration of Adair staff, council, and other volunteers also connected 1200 United States Department of Agriculture Farm to Family food boxes to families during the pandemic. This effort eased the burden of inflated food costs. Additionally, eight participants took advantage of the ServSafe training to keep their businesses going through the pandemic. A Grant Writing 101 Workshop was held in partnership with Empowering Adair County to support the ongoing philanthropic efforts of several organizations in the area.



Looking ahead to 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach Adair County will:

- ~Offer Keeping More of Your Profits to area farmers and agribusiness owners.
- ~ Offer Succession Planning to farm families and business owners
- ~ Engage in training in Marketing Hometown America and offer that resource to Adair County stakeholders
- ~Engage in training for Youth Mental Health First Aid and offer that training to stakeholders that spend their time mentoring, coaching, and teaching youth of Adair County.



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