



## 2021 IN APPANOOSE 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 Appanoose County for a #STRONGIOWA.



**Sustainable  
ENVIRONMENTS**



**Thriving  
COMMUNITIES**



**Resilient  
PEOPLE**



**Future  
LEADERS**



The Appanoose 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 Appanoose 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 Appanoose County. During 2021 we focused on the following efforts.

- Economic Development
- Healthy Living and Well-being
- K-12 Youth Outreach
- Agricultural Resources

### Showcasing 4-H at the County Fair

The Appanoose 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.

- After the year of 2020 with many adjustments, it was nice to be back to a full schedule of livestock shows and static projects being exhibited in 2021.
- Youth literacy was incorporated at the county fair by reading the book, "Hey Wall" by Susan Verde to introduce the 2021 Fair Mural.
- Showmanship contests were held each day for youth exhibitors to learn how they can improve their skills.





## Working toward Recovery

As our state works toward recovery, ISU Extension and Outreach, Appanoose County has been focusing on Economy COVID Recovery:

- Supporting Iowans in reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy by offering BQA locally.
- Supporting our community businesses by providing resources to help them achieve economic growth.
- Engaging Iowans in improving food supply, safety, and access by hosting a ServSafe™ class at maximum capacity.
- Expanding educational opportunities for youth interacting in a regional event, The Great 4-H Road Trip. Youth and families participated in activities hosted at various local businesses.
- Supporting efforts to increase access to quality child care by offering parenting education classes.

Looking ahead to 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach, Appanoose County will continue to support our local community and businesses in efforts of improving our economy!



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## Crop Advantage



### 2021 Private Pesticide Applicator Training

## Appanoose County Extension and Outreach Success Story

During 2021 Appanoose County Extension and Outreach was able to host two program offerings of Family Fixin's. This virtual program was a huge success by providing education regarding food safety, proper knife handling skills and nutritional guidance to a total of 9 families including 26 participants. Through the support of two grants and the Appanoose County Extension Council, this program was provided free of charge to all families which included weekly groceries and useful kitchen tools.



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