



#STRONGIOWA

2021 IN JEFFERSON 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 Jefferson County for a #STRONGIOWA.



**Sustainable
ENVIRONMENTS**



**Thriving
COMMUNITIES**



**Resilient
PEOPLE**



**Future
LEADERS**

Working Toward Recovery

As our state works toward recovery, ISU Extension and Outreach Jefferson County has been supporting Iowans in reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy.

The Jefferson County Extension Council chose to address local economic recovery and improving the health of county residents and visitors for FY '21.

The Jefferson 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.

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Serving the People of Jefferson 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 Jefferson County. During 2021 we focused on the following efforts:

- **ServSafe Classes**
- **Farmland Leasing and Management**
- **Continuing Instruction Courses for Commercial Pesticide Applicators**
- **Continuing Instruction Courses for Private Pesticide Applicators**
- **4-H Club Meetings**
- **4-H County Fair and Iowa State Fair**
- **4-H Kits On-the-Go**
- **Youth Summer Day Camps**

Reaching Youth

Jefferson County hosted six day camps to provide hands-on learning throughout the summer. The youth improved their photography skills, explored their inner self and leadership, completed team challenges, learned about plants, and explored the wonders of science by creating amazing chemistry experiments with everyday materials. In total, we served 67 youth through our summer day camp series.



Showcasing 4-H at the Fair

The Jefferson 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.

Over 100 youth exhibited over 750 projects at the county fair this year. Livestock barns were filled with over 450 animals, and the Activities Building housed nearly 350 static exhibits with 29 static exhibits advancing to the Iowa State Fair. One of those projects, completed by a 6th grader, was an experiment comparing different types of Beyblades. The project showed excellence in utilizing the scientific method, and the 4-H member was recognized by Iowa State University with a monetary scholarship.



One highlight of the Jefferson County Fair is the livestock sale. In 2020, the annual fair sale changed from a live animal auction to a premium sale. We continued the same format in 2021, and had the best year yet—raising over \$100,000 for 4-H and FFA youth in Jefferson County! 100% of the proceeds went directly to the youth.



4-H Hall of Fame Recipients

Bill and Becky Goehring of Libertyville were inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame in August. The Goehring family have been active supporters of 4-H for many years by sharing their time, effort, skills, and hearts. Their countless contributions are a true reflection of the 4-H Pledge: My Club, My Community, My Country and My World



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