

BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

STAKEHOLDER REPORT 2022

2022 IN SCOTT COUNTY

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach provides research-based education and engages Iowans in solving today's problems and preparing for a thriving future. We listen, learn, and work with the people of Scott County for a #STRONGIOWA.



The **Scott 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 SCOTT COUNTY

In 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach Scott County continued to...

...support Iowans in reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy. As a result, small businesses, entrepreneurs, agribusinesses, and farmers connected with education and resources so they could remain financially solvent, find alternate markets, and increase their profitability.

...support Iowans in improving financial security. Individuals and families learned how to prioritize bills, protect credit, and manage debt.

...engage Iowans in improving food supply, safety, and access. These efforts addressed local needs including nutrition education, donation gardens, farmers markets, and food system coalitions.

...expand educational opportunities for youth with programs that sparked youth interest, supported academics, and promoted youth resiliency.

...engage Iowans in addressing mental health and to provide access to research-based training and education on mental health literacy and suicide prevention.

...support efforts to increase access to quality child care by networking with community partners and connecting providers with education.

Thank you to our 245 volunteers and community partners for your collaboration in serving the people of Scott County!

ServSafe Food Certification Training

Reducing foodborne illness by 10% would prevent 5 million Americans from getting sick each year. A decline in health affects productivity, personal income, and health care cost. To help food establishments serve safe food, Human Sciences Extension and Outreach facilitated ServSafe® - a food safety certification program through the National Restaurant Association in Scott County. Between July 2021 and June 2022, the program was delivered in Scott County. Of the 74 participants, 61% (n=45) received the certification.



Farmland Leasing and Management

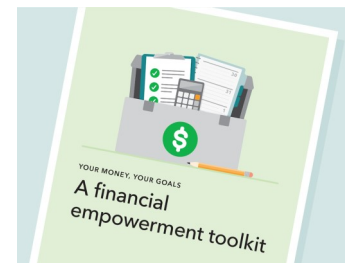
In 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach, Scott County continued to support lowans in reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy. Farmland is a limited resource for agricultural producers in Iowa, and 55.7% of Scott County agricultural land is under some form of rental arrangement. With an aging landowner population and issues related to farmland changing year after year, leasing programs and the educational materials used in these programs are of great value to the clientele in our county and the landowners scattered across the country. In 2022, Scott County Extension hosted one of 74 locations for Farmland Leasing and Management workshops. As a result, small businesses, entrepreneurs, agribusinesses, landowners, and farmers increased their knowledge of leasing trends, legal issues, and methods for determining cash rental rates and creating more resilient leasing arrangements. One of the most common replies as to why individuals attend a meeting is to stay aware of trends and changes related to renting farmland. This year, 33.33% of attendees said they would raise the rent due to the information shared in the meeting.



Summer Youth Development Programs

Thanks to our ongoing partnership with Davenport Community Schools and the City of Davenport Parks and Recreation, Scott County Extension engaged 67 elementary school age students with 550 hours of science, art, social skills and healthy living programs this summer.

These students participated with us through their afternoon “wrap care” program, so they could participate in a 7-week morning summer program for students who needed additional support in reading and math.



Your Money, Your Goals

Through a partnership with the Department of Human Rights, the four-hour, virtual “Your Money, Your Goals” (YMYG) workshop was delivered to 96 Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) and Community Action social service professionals across the state of Iowa, including from Scott County. Participants were introduced to YMYG tools and resources on the topics of managing income and benefits, paying bills, saving, dealing with debt, and other related information. Approximately 85% of the participants had not used YMYG resources with the families served. Participants completed a pre- and post-survey. Of the participants completing the post-survey, 97% agreed the workshop was effective, with 93% finding the financial topics covered relevant for the people served. Participants reported increased confidence in the ability to address the topics with clients.

Scott County 4-H Mystery Trip

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Scott County hosted a Mystery Trip for Intermediate and Senior 4-H Club members on June 9, 2022. 4-H youth from Muscatine and Clinton Counties were also invited to attend. Twenty-eight members representing all three counties came along for the adventure.

Just as the name of the event implies, participants were treated to a daylong excursion without knowing where they were going. A few days prior to the trip, parents attended a required meeting at which they were provided the day's itinerary with instructions not to share with their children. Departing on a charter bus from Eldridge at 7:15 a.m., the first stop was Four Mounds Inn & Conference Center, an outdoor recreational area in Dubuque. Four Mounds is home to high and low ropes courses and a rock-climbing wall. Youth practiced communication and leadership skills while taking part in lots of teambuilding activities with staff from Team Building Blocks of Dubuque. From there, the group traveled to the National Mississippi River Museum where a STEM program was presented on reptiles and amphibians followed by a self-guided tour. Crystal Lake Caves outside of Bellevue was the next destination. Youth received a guided tour of the cave and an educational presentation by their staff. Everyone enjoyed some social time while relaxing and playing UNO, bags, volleyball, and soccer. The last stop was Off Shore Resort in Bellevue for a delicious dinner overlooking the Mississippi River. The trip concluded at 8:00 p.m.



Scott County Master Gardeners tour the
Master Gardeners

Scott County Extension Master Gardeners had a busy year learning and growing and contributed over 3700 volunteer hours in 2022. Master Gardeners were conducting outreach in the community through plant sales, an expo, and the farmer's market. There were continuing education classes scheduled every month that brought in over 230 attendees, including members of the public. The classes also garnered the attention of the media, with invitations to appear on local TV stations. Two training sessions were held in the summer and fall, with 12 and 18 students respectively. They have already started to volunteer and get involved by helping plan the fall social, and harvesting vegetables for donation.

The Master Gardener Advisory Board has worked hard to make improvements to the program by evaluating volunteer opportunities, streamlining communications, and looking at ways to make registering for projects easier for everyone.



QCCA Flower and
Garden Show



Herb Class



Iowa Resource for International Service

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Scott County has partnered with the Iowa Resource for International Service, an international high school exchange program, to provide day long Leadership Workshops for students visiting the Quad Cities.

We have hosted workshops on May 2, July 19, and October 31. In total, 26 students, representing Palestine, Lebanon, Tunisia, Bangladesh, and Tanzania, have participated in this leadership opportunity.

Facilitated by the Scott County 4-H Youth Program Specialist, the students have gained leadership and communication skills through hands-on, researched based teambuilding activities from the Ricochet and Building Blocks for Leadership curriculum. Three members of the Scott County Extension staff assisted with the ice breaker activity.

The reflection questions throughout each session generated very thoughtful discussions. When asked how the participants will apply what they learned on their trip to the United States when they return home, one group stated, *"Each one of us is capable of inspiring a lot of determined people in his own hometown, no matter what the conditions are."*

Science of Parenting

The Science of Parenting is a state-wide parent education effort that involves podcasts, classes, and other educational resources. It features real-life parenting solutions based on the latest scientific research. In 2022, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Scott County offered 4 sessions of the Science of Parenting to participants at a local non-profit called 180. Eleven parents learned about the importance of managing their responses to children, positive disciplinary techniques, children's temperament, and understanding child development. 80% of participants reported that research can inform parenting. Visit the Science of Parenting online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/>



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The Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm conducts agronomic (corn, soybeans, small grains, forage) research, demonstrations, and educational events relevant to Scott County and 20 other counties in southeast Iowa. The farm, which is near Crawfordsville, is owned by the Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association (SEIARA) (which has members from all 21 counties), is operated by Iowa State University (ISU), and is co-managed by SEIARA and ISU. Gary Schult, New Liberty, represents the interests of Scott County on the SEIARA Board of Directors.