

BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

MADISON COUNTY

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State University research and resources. We are working with the people of Madison County for what we all want: a strong Iowa.

Madison County Extension Council

Every Iowa county has an elected extension council that guides local educational programming by partnering with staff. From needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents the issues and people of the county.

We have identified these local issues as priority topics for current and future programming:

- K-12 Youth Outreach
- Ag and Natural Resources
- Health and Well-being
- Community and Economic Development



762

K-12 Youth Outreach Participants



200

Beef Workshop Participants



100

Community and Economic Development Participants



53

Health and Well-being Participants



Extension Council Members

We want communities and farmers to thrive, and families and children to be healthy. And eventually we want to turn the world over to the next generation better than we found it.

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IN 2017

K-12 Youth Outreach

We provided hands on learning to **474 youth** in I-35, Winterset and Earlham Community School Districts in 2017. Students learned the basics of coding with robots Dash and Dot, as well as building, engineering and innovating. One student from Earlham even used her newfound skills to host a “STEM Booth” at the Madison County Fair in July to teach visitors to the fair the basics of building. **288 youth** were enrolled in 4-H in 2017.



Ag and Natural Resources

Our Master Gardener program **grew by 13 interns** this year. Our body of volunteers help spread Extension’s mission by educating the public about horticulture. Master Gardeners contribute hundreds of hours to community service. This year they have worked over 600 hours to support community projects like teaching about growing tomatoes, donating produce to local food pantries, and beautifying public spaces.

Madison County held a number of events to support our producers. Women learned how to get the best of their cattle operations through Women Managing Cattle and Greenhorn Grazing was held to improve efficiencies in grazing. In total, **more than 200 participants** came and learned about beef production with us. We also held pesticide applicator trainings for **93 participants**, and **27 participants** learned about Palmer Amaranth.



Health and Well-Being

We offered the 8-week Buy. Eat. Live. Healthy program. Through this program we taught families about preparing healthy meals and incorporating healthy lifestyle choices in to their daily lives.

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