



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION AND OUTREACH
MASTER GARDENER

ANNUAL
REPORT

2019



1,897 Master Gardener volunteers
114k Volunteer hours
\$2.9 Million Value of volunteer hours



234 New MG trainees at 24 locations
115k Pounds produce donated
23k Continuing Education hours



270k Contacts reached
50k Yearly media reach
82 Counties reporting



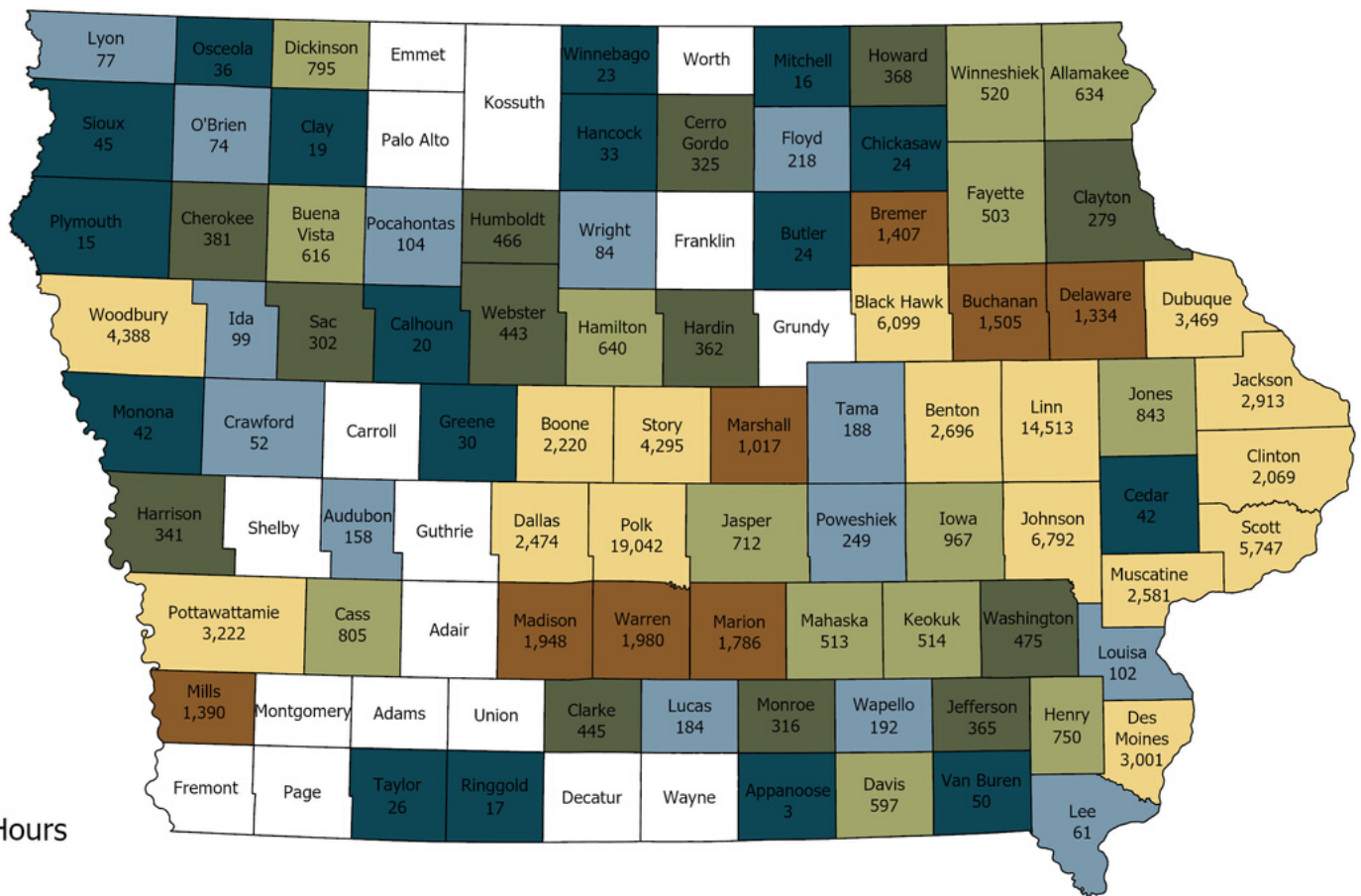
HIGHLIGHTS

Buchanan County Master Gardener volunteers won the Search for Excellence Award for their Schoolhouse Garden project. They "utilized funding, their teaching experience, and Master Gardener training to enhance the prairie and schoolhouse, while teaching children about types of plants, historic significance, and about the value of partnerships," said Ashley Sherrets.

Master Gardener volunteers from 22 counties participated in the Growing Together mini grant program. They donated over 115 thousand pounds of produce to nearby food banks and meal sites. In Monona County, volunteers reported that their donation gardens made fresh produce available in communities that are struggling economically, and where grocery stores are a distant commute.

The Iowa Master Gardener program celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2019. The Master Gardener training was offered in 24 locations across the state to engage over 200 participants in hands-on learning and community field trips. The Class on Campus at Iowa State University brought together participants to learn about insects, rain gardens, and botany.





TOP 5 COUNTIES

Average Hours per Volunteer:

Harrison
Hamilton
Linn
Boone
Benton

Total Volunteer Hours:

Polk
Linn
Johnson
Black Hawk
Scott

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