

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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*Get inside Extension and discover how we support healthy people, healthy environments, and healthy economies. Read about some of the ways ISU Extension meets local needs, improves quality of life, and helps make Jones County a better place to live. You'll be amazed at what we do.*

*Linda Kahler*

*Extension Council Chair*

*Joe Yedlik*

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### Healthy Environments, Healthy Economies

The goal of the Young Cattlemen's Group was to establish a core of young cattlemen, custom design educational programs and discussions to meet their needs, and to serve as a support system to each other. The "east group" was made up of 32 young cattlemen from Clinton, Jackson, and Jones counties.



There were many significant benefits for those participating in the Young Cattlemen Project. Participants attended ration balancing workshops and cow herd profitability meetings,

discussed the importance of a rotational grazing system, developed or updated their farm and marketing plans, completed a mission statement and business goals, studied the need for controlling manure run off for better quality manure and environmental issues, re-evaluated the use of production technologies, enrolled on the email list for the Iowa Beef Center monthly newsletter, as well as learned about other related Extension programs.

### Healthy People

Extension's impact for healthy people included providing an opportunity for over 168 youth to experience Summer Discovery Day Camps in five local communities.





## Jones County Extension Council

Every Iowa county has an elected Extension Council that guides local educational programming by partnering with staff. 2009 Council members:  
 Chair: **Linda Kahler**, Monticello  
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From needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents the issues and people of the county.



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We are your local link to make connections for campus enrollment, continuing education, campus visits, campus exhibits, conferences, camps, and sporting events.



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## Healthy People (continued)

Community partners including city councils, local schools and various family agencies collaborated to assist in funding and support for the programs that included healthy hands-on experiential learning through science, food and fitness activities. Participation has increased by 30% over the past three years and also led to a positive response in Clover Kid and 4-H club enrollment.



## Healthy Economies

Nearly 100 people attended a training session in Monticello to hear about the provisions of the new farm bill. The discussion centered on the ACRE program option and the pros and cons associated with signing up for that option. The rules and economics of the long term commitment and complex formulas were discussed in depth. The local FSA director was also part of the program and elaborated on some of the fine points that needed to be explained. The session was held approximately two weeks prior to the sign up deadline for the program. In retrospect, approximately 8% of the producers, representing about 12% of the land in Iowa, entered the program.



## Jones County Youth Introduced to College Life

Youth from Jones County were part of the delegation of over 140 students from 12 counties that participated in two student recruitment trips to Iowa State University campus. The 4-H and FFA members spent time with ISU faculty and staff as well as college students.



The "Highway to Horticulture" tour introduced the youth to greenhouse management, floriculture, turf management, apple and grape production and research.



While the "Beef Blast" activities emphasized beef nutrition, anatomy and physiology, as well as the science behind cattle feeding, and the animal welfare issues facing the beef industry.



The trips provided the youth with career exploration opportunities through hands-on learning experiences.