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SPECIAL INSERT
University of Nebraska
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in Lancaster County
2003-04 Annual Report



Partnering With the Community

Lancaster County Extension Collaborates with Over 125 Community Partners

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Our nation's land-grant universities were designed to be — and continue to be — partners in the economic development of our country.

Rich History

With the passage of the Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1862, U.S. Congress and President Lincoln helped transform our nation's future by affording higher education to common individuals, previously only available to the privileged elite.

Following Nebraska's statehood in 1867, the University of Nebraska was one of the first universities to be chartered under the Morrill Act in 1869. The Cooperative Extension System, established in 1914, was designed as a partnership of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state land-grant universities.

As Nebraska communities were being settled with farms, ranches and businesses; the University of Nebraska was an active partner in solving practical problems and conducting scientific research.

Pioneering New Frontiers

Today's extension continues to be in the forefront of developing and delivering educational programs which strengthen our communities socially, economically and environmentally.

Cooperative Extension (part of NU's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources) extends the University's resources to urban and rural residents for use in everyday life.

Due to the success of our nation's land-grant universities, they are now the model for similar systems in other countries around the world.

Local Partnerships

Through numerous partnerships and collaborations, Cooperative Extension leverages its resources and those of the community to engage larger audiences and maximize impact.

In the past year, UNL Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County has partnered with the following organizations, agencies, businesses and schools:

Asian Cultural and Community Center
BryanLGH Medical Center
Burke Plaza Senior Housing
Burton Tyrell's Flowers
Camp Abbott / Capitol Sports Foundation
Carol Yoakum Family Resource Center
Cedars Youth Services
CenterPointe
Children of Parents Experiencing Divorce
Coalition (COPEd)

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An extension partnership with Lincoln Public Schools generates Food Stamp Nutrition Education Project funds to provide in-depth interactive nutrition education for students in qualifying schools. To date, this local, state and federal partnership have generated \$127,444 into our local community. These funds have been invested into teacher and student educational materials and programs. A total of 9,294 low-income students have participated since the program was piloted in 1999.

Partners with Nebraska

Land-grant universities work with the people they serve. NU's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources does so in priority areas of food, agriculture, agribusiness, natural resources, people and communities. We teach, discover new knowledge through research, and extend that new, unbiased information across the state and beyond through extension.



Extension Educator Tom Dorn partners with the Lower Platte South NRD to teach technical aspects of Certification Training to applicators in the Lower Salt Creek Groundwater Management area. More than 125 people completed the nitrogen management training in Lancaster, Cass, Sarpy and Saunders Counties this past year.



The Ag Awareness Coalition, composed of 11 member organizations including Lancaster County Extension, presents annual Ag Awareness Festivals in Ithaca and Lincoln (shown at left). The festivals help fourth grade students gain a greater understanding of agriculture and how it impacts their daily lives.

In the pest management arena, Extension Educator Barb Ogg has partnered with professionals from Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Lincoln Action Program, Lincoln Public Schools and other agencies to promote effective, low-toxic approaches for cockroaches, head lice and other pest problems.



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