

## Volunteers Contribute to Extension's Success

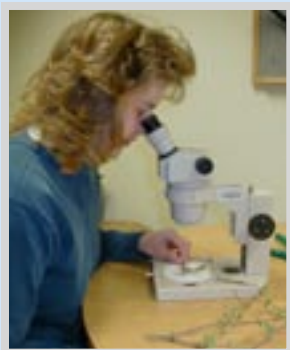


UNL Extension in Lancaster County trains and supports, as well as coordinates the efforts of a variety of volunteers: 4-H leaders and superintendents, Master Gardeners, Family Community Education (FCE) volunteers and Nutrition Education Program (NEP) volunteers. In addition, 4-H and FCE members often volunteer in community-related projects. Extension programs in Lancaster County benefitted from 1,871 volunteers investing 22,671 hours of time for a total value of \$397,876.\*

\*Independent Sector values volunteer time at \$17.55/hour.

## Plant and Pest Diagnostic Services

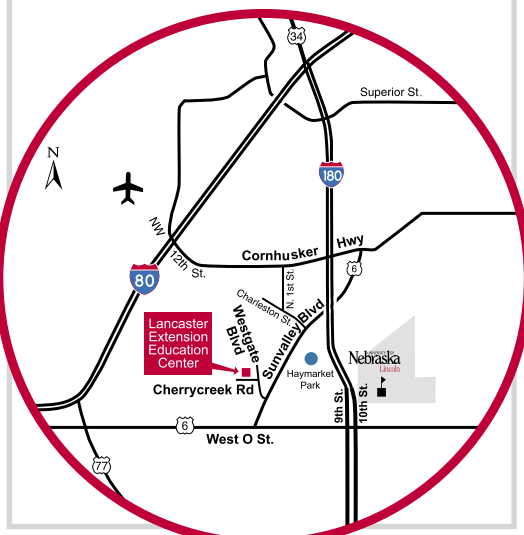
Throughout the year, Lancaster County residents bring sick plant parts and an assortment of insects, pests and wildlife "signs" to the UNL Extension in Lancaster County office. A free service, extension horticulturists and entomologists identify insects, weeds



and diseases in and around the home and garden and make recommendations about the best way to help manage these problems.

## Lancaster Extension Education Center Facilitates Community Programs

As part of extension's commitment to community learning, the conference facilities at Lancaster Extension Education Center are made available to other nonprofit and governmental organizations at a nominal cost. Last year, more than 4,300 hours of conferences and meetings were held at the Education Center. "This is such a valuable community resource and has been much appreciated by my office," says Deputy Jerry Witte with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office.

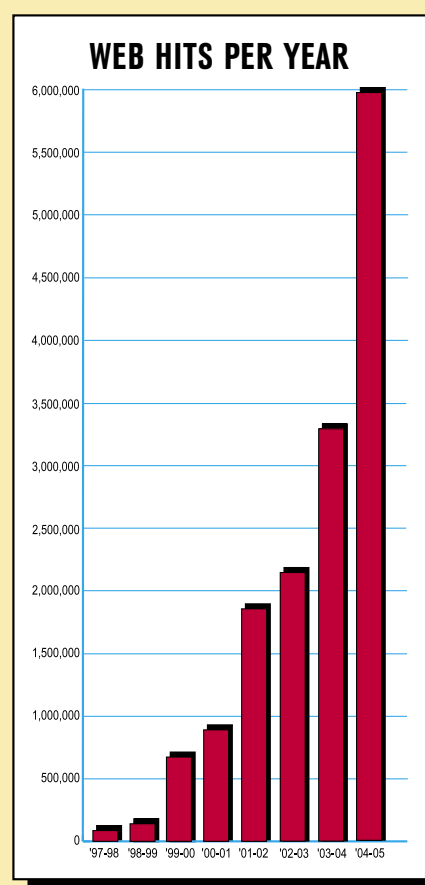


# Web Site Receives Nearly 6 Million Hits Annually

University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension in Lancaster County's Web site, <http://lancaster.unl.edu>, has more than 5,000 pages of content and received 5,966,790 hits (accesses) last year! The Food Web site continued to be rated "Among the Best" by Tufts University Nutrition Navigator. Extension in Lancaster County's Web site's resources are frequently featured near the top of many search engine results.

Visitors can easily navigate the site and find extensive educational resources in extension's program areas. The site is updated daily and has interactive features such as online registration forms, searchable database, Egg Cam, movie clips, quizzes and Master Gardener Diagnostic Center.

Not only do Lancaster County residents, Nebraskans and Americans utilize the site, the site also has Web users from more than 100 countries monthly.



"I have to compliment you on your very informative site! I needed more information about poultry egg candling, development, etc. and your site was by far the most interesting, informative and navigable."

—G. Kohart, Ohio

## Staff Honors, Awards and Accomplishments

### Extension Educator Gary Bergman

Nebraska representative on planning committee for the National Urban Extension Conference to be held May 2007 in Kansas City, Mo.; vice-president of the Nebraska Great Plains Resource Conservation and Development.

### Extension Educator Tom Dorn

president-elect of the Nebraska Section of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents; president-elect of the Nebraska Agribusiness Club.

**Extension Educator Alice Henneman** — 2004 Omtvedt Innovation Award presented by John Owens, Vice Chancellor of the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; member of the Scientific Advisory Committee for Food and Health Communications; invited to co-present "Leading the Way in Osteoporosis Prevention" at the Society for Nutrition Education annual meeting; invited to present a poster session on "Sink Those Germs: An Activity to Promote Handwashing to Younger Children" at the Society for Nutrition Education annual meeting.

### Retired Extension Associate Arlene Hanna

— 2005 National Award Winner of the Edith Stevens



(L–R) John Owens, Alice Henneman and Irv Omtvedt

Groundwater Educator Award by The Groundwater Foundation.

**Extension Associate Deanna Karmazin** — state-wide Communication Award presented by the Nebraska Cooperative Extension Association (NCEA) 4-H Section; regional semi-finalist Communication Award presented by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents; elected 2006 president of NCEA 4-H Section.

### Extension Associate Mardel Meinke

— invited to present a poster session on the ABC's for Good Health program at the Society for Nutrition Education annual meeting.

**Extension Educator Barb Ogg** — member of Urban Pest Management Conference Team which received an Excellence in Team Programming Award from UNL Extension.

**Staff Recognized for Years of Service** — Extension Educator Tom Dorn (25 years); Extension Educator Alice Henneman (25 years); Extension Educator Maureen Burson (20 years); Extension Associate Mary Jane Frogge (15 years); Extension Educator Barb Ogg (10 years); Extension Associate Mardel Meinke (10 years).



"The information resources UNL Extension in Lancaster County has available comes from knowledge based on experience, science and technology. The availability of this information allows all members of this community to have the opportunity to better function within the natural environment around them."

—Oscar Rios Pohrieth, Lancaster County Extension Board