

2006–2007 ANNUAL REPORT

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Know how. Know now.

Land-grant universities work with the people they serve. University of Nebraska–Lincoln teaches, discovers new knowledge through research, and extends this research-based information across the state through extension programs. UNL Extension in Lancaster County develops and delivers educational programs which strengthen individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Extension is committed to helping Nebraskans know how—and know now.



Computerized Farm Financial Recordkeeping Workshop

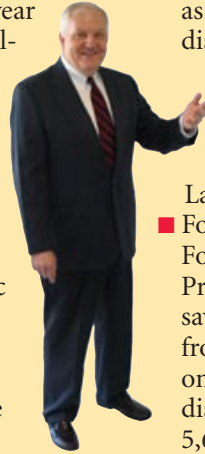
“At Work for Nebraska” in Lancaster County

A study completed this year found the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln annually returns at least \$15 in benefits to Nebraskans for every dollar of state support, making it “a primary engine for economic and social sustainability.”

The study, by Battelle of Columbus, Ohio, was commissioned to capture the benefits of IANR’s teaching, research and extension work.

As part of IANR, UNL Extension in Lancaster County contributed to a number of examples cited in the study:

- IANR’s Farming with Computer Technology training project teaches ag producers to use computers to increase the productivity of their farm management practices. Locally, the Computerized Farm Financial Recordkeeping is a popular workshop.
- UNL Extension partnered with the Nebraska legal system to develop curriculum to teach more than 2,000 Nebraskans appointed annually



as legal guardians for elderly and disabled people and children in our state who cannot make decisions for themselves. This year, 177 individuals completed Guardianship Training in Lancaster County.

- For every \$1 spent on the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, a potential health care savings of \$2 to \$17 may result from the prevention or delayed onset of nutrition-related chronic diseases and conditions. More than 5,600 adults, youth and seniors participated in the Lancaster County Nutrition Education Program.
- 4-H is a national leader in youth participation, reaching 118,000, or one of every three eligible, Nebraska youth yearly. This past year, 4-H reached more than 18,500 youth in Lancaster County.

The complete report is online at <http://atworkfornebraska.unl.edu>

This annual report illustrates how your local investment has paid dividends to our community.

Gary C. Bergman

Extension Educator & Unit Leader



Guardianship Training



Nutrition Education Program School Enrichment

Plant and Pest Diagnostic Services

Throughout the year, Lancaster County residents bring plant samples, insects, pests and wildlife “signs” to UNL Extension in Lancaster County. A free service, extension horticulturists and entomologists identify weeds, diseases and insects in and around the home



and garden, and make recommendations about the best way to help manage these problems.



“I know how to better care for my lawn and garden.”

—Jean Pedersen, Master Gardener



“I know how to be a leader in many different situations.”

—Jeff Cassel, 4-H Teen Council member



“I know ways to treat bed bug infestations and how to prevent them.”

—Amy Wagner, Lincoln Housing Authority



“We know how to live on our rural landscape.”

—Wes and Norma Daberkow, acreage owners



“I know how to read a nutrition label for my family.”

—Bertha Gzz, Nutrition Education Program participant



“I know how to manage soybean diseases such as white mold.”

—Burdette Piening, Ag Producer



“I know how to better relate to kids (K–5) in our after-school program.”

—Stephanie Wachter, Campbell Family Service After School