Helping You Put Knowledge to Work

University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County invites you to take an in-depth look at our program accomplishments over the past year. By extending UNL’s resources to urban and rural Nebraskans, Cooperative Extension strengthens individuals, families, businesses and communities. Extension’s mission of “Helping You Put Knowledge to Work” provides educational outreach through multiple delivery methods (see next page). Lancaster County Extension fully utilizes the Internet to maximize its outreach. Lancaster County Extension also leverages its resources and those of the Lincoln community by collaborating with more than 260 agencies, organizations, businesses and schools.

Here are some recent examples of the impact extension’s programs make in our community:

- The Biosolids Land Application program, Pesticide Container Recycling program and Composting Education workshops have saved taxpayers an estimated $556,749 this year by keeping waste out of the landfill.
- Research shows for every dollar invested in the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), there is a projected health care cost savings of 58.82.
- The Character Counts! character education program initiated in Nebraska by 4-H has been so successful many schools have adopted, and are implementing, character education programs.

Presently, the Nebraska Department of Education is promoting Character Counts! statewide.

- In the past year, 4-H reached 25,957 youth in Lancaster County — nearly half of the eligible youth.

Our Web site, lancaster.unl.edu now has more than 3,000 pages of online resources and received nearly 1,900,000 hits last year! We are pleased with Lancaster County Extension’s program accomplishments and are proud of our role in the community.

Extension Provides Reliable, Research-Based Information

Horticulture
- Horticulture education
- Plant problem diagnosis
- Master Gardener
- Volunteers
- Yard waste management

4-H Youth Development
- Hands-on projects
- Gaining life skills
- Career development

Pest Management
- Insect pest identification
- Low-toxic solutions
- Wildlife educational resources

Food, Nutrition & Food Safety
- Nutrition, food safety and food preparation
- Stretching food dollars

Agriculture
- Farm management
- Crop & livestock production
- Rural living

Strong Families
- Parenting/child care
- Marriage relationships
- Resource management

Environment of the Home
- Indoor air quality
- Home maintenance and safety
- Reduce, reuse, recycle

Leadership Development
- In families and youth
- In neighborhoods
- In organizations

New in Extension in 2002

UNL Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County is committed to being relevant and responsive to the evolving needs of Lincoln-area residents. Here are some new developments in Lancaster County Extension.

Translation Efforts: As the Lincoln-area population becomes increasingly diverse, Extension has begun to translate educational resources into other languages including Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic and Russian. Lancaster County Extension’s award-winning video, “Removing Head Lice,” was translated into Spanish.

Neighborhood Working Together Through monthly meetings, neighborhood workshops, leadership training, needs assessments and collaboration with other groups, the Neighbors Working Together program focuses on developing neighborhood leadership and community organization.

Egg Cam

Egg Cam gives Internet users a bird’s eye view of chicks hatching.

Garbology

The Garbology unit of the 4-H School Enrichment program was updated for the 2002–03 school year to meet the National and Nebraska Learning Standards of Excellence. Garbology teaches second graders to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Gov. Johanns Proclaimed 2002 “4-H Centennial Year in Nebraska”

4-H celebrated its 100-year anniversary last year. Gov. Mike Johanns, a former 4-H’er from Iowa, proclaimed 2002, “4-H Centennial Year in Nebraska.” See inside for more about the Centennial Celebration!