# WYOMING **SOLUTIONS TO PRACTICAL** PROBLEMS





Extension

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING EXTENSION SERVES WYOMING COMMUNITIES BY HELPING RESIDENTS APPLY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND RESOURCES TO PRACTICAL PROBLEMS. SINCE 1914, UW EXTENSION HAS PROVIDED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TOOLS TO THE STATE'S 23 COUNTIES AND THE WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION. FROM 4-H PROGRAMMING AND PESTICIDE SAFETY EDUCATION TO FOOD PRESERVATION AND NUTRITION COURSES, EXTENSION UPHOLDS THE UNIVERSITY'S LAND-GRANT MISSION BY OFFERING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES. UW EXTENSION STAFF HELP WYOMING RESIDENTS BOOST AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, CARE FOR LAWNS AND GARDENS, CULTIVATE FUTURE LEADERS, SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING, AND DEVELOP THRIVING BUSINESSES.



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connecting colleagues campus & community



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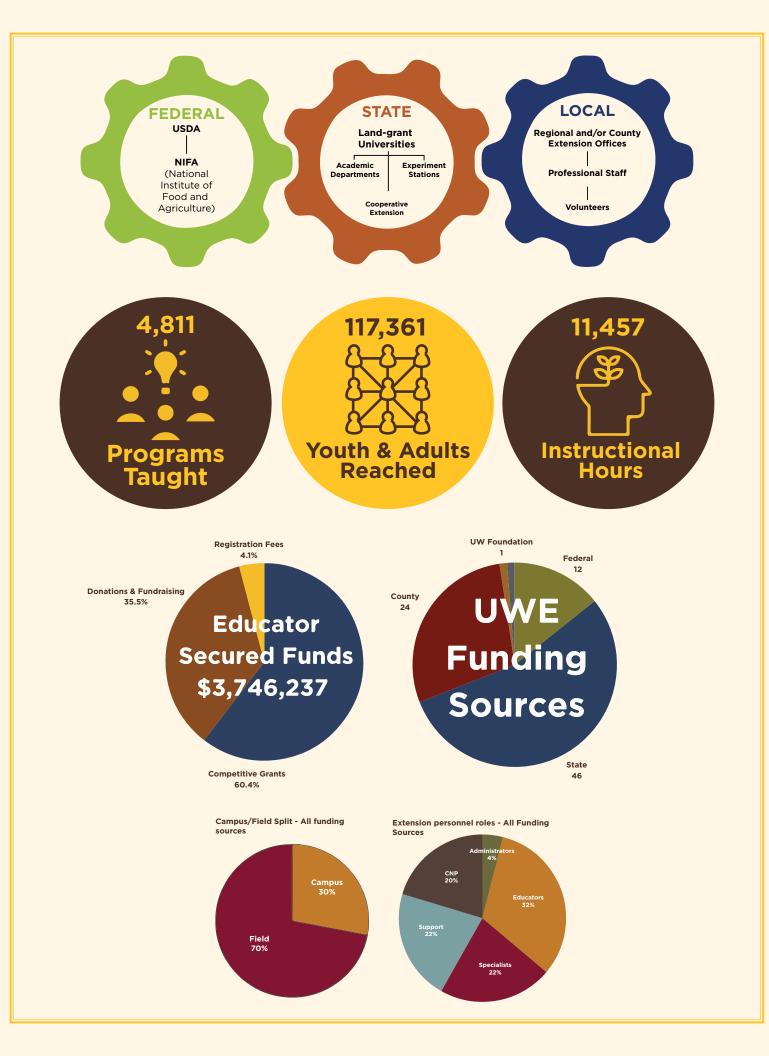
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# Foster Community & Economic Vitality

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UW Extension helps youth, entrepreneurs, small businesses, and local organizations to grow their enterprises and expand their economic impact. Offerings include:

- Entrepreneurship training & resources
- Personal finance resources
- Non-profit board training & leadership
- Youth career development & entrepreneurship
- Education & resources to bolster Wyoming's tourism sector

## "[EXTENSION'S LEADERSHIP TRAINING] REALLY HELPED TO CONNECT ME TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO SHED SOME OF THE FEAR ASSOCIATED WITH BECOMING A LEADER MYSELF"

~ LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

# Empower Wyoming Future Leaders

Wyoming 4-H provides opportunities for youth to build lifelong leadership skills with the support of caring mentors. Participants learn by doing with the support of dedicated volunteers. Offerings include:

Youth leadership development

- Projects from livestock to robotics and everything in between
- Annual statewide event opportunities
- International travel opportunities
- Connecting youth with adult mentors

## *"I DISCOVERED NEW ABILITIES WITHIN MYSELF AND FOUND THAT I AM CAPABLE OF MORE THAN I GIVE MYSELF CREDIT FOR."*

~4-H PARTICIPANT



# Health & Weilness

Our health & wellness efforts center on holistic development for people of all ages. Offerings include:

- Nutrition & food safety education
- Financial wellbeing
- Local events that promote fitness & community building
- Community partnerships to improve food security
- Nutrition education for low-income audiences
- Mental health education

"[WYOMING WALKS] PARTICIPANTS NOTED BEING MORE AWARE OF EXERCISE HABITS, ENJOYABLE TOPICS, ENGAGING WITH OTHERS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FUN AND LEARN WHILE EXERCISING." ~ EDUCATOR IMPACT STATEMENT

## Protect Our Natural Resources

Our natural resource educators offer individuals and organizations support to protect and improve our natural resources. Offerings include:

- Small acreage landowner education
- Pesticide safety education
- Master Gardener & yard & garden programs
- Wyoming Naturalist Program
- Individual consultations

"NEW PROPERTY OWNERS WERE BETTER PREPARED FOR THE ENVIRONMENT [IN OUR COUNTY] AND HAD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON HOW TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS IN THE COUNTY."

# Produce Food, Fiber & Energy

Agricultural production education programs represent the foundation of extension and continue to be essential for Wyoming agriculture. Offerings include:

- Crop & forage education
- Livestock production & improvement education
- Specialty crop programs & support
- Training in rangeland monitoring & improvement
- Farm & ranch economics

"SEVERAL [PRODUCERS] HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE HOW DIFFERENT THE NUTRITIVE VALUES CAN BE BETWEEN HAY CUTTINGS AND MEADOWS, AND ESPECIALLY FORAGE TYPES, AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FOCUS ON THE ANIMALS WITH HIGHEST REQUIREMENTS BY GIVING THEM THE HIGHEST QUALITY HAY." ~ EDUCATOR IMPACT STATEMENT

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