

2021 was a great year for USU Extension in Juab County. We were able to bring in over one million dollars in grant funding to support community education programs in the county and across the state! Social media continues to be the main way we reach our audiences and this year our Facebook page was able to have an average reach of 1,900 people. In total, between all the faculty, staff, and volunteers, we were able to reach 150,000 community members with 1,800 attending in person classes, camps, or clubs. We are not able to do what we do without the support of local community organizations and the wonderful partnerships we have with them. One of the programs that continues to be the biggest is our 4-H Program. This last year we increased the number of 4-H youth participating in our programs as well as the 4-H volunteers. If you want to join 4-H, you can call 435-623-3450 and we will help you sign up. One of the coolest things to come out of 2021 is the number of partnerships we have within the community. We were able to partner with over 15 community organizations who supported Extension and who we were able to support.

In 2022, the USU Extension office in Juab County will look a little bit different than it has in past years. After Ruger Carter, the former Ag agent left, USU Extension administration analyzed his work, the needs of the county, and decided to split the position into three separate positions. The first is a Horticulture position, the second an Agriculture Economist position and the third a Livestock Program Coordinator. This switch is essentially getting three for the price of one. Although the Ag Economist and Horticulture faculty members will split time between Utah and Juab Counties, they will be dedicated to helping residents of Juab County. One position that brings a lot of excitement with it is that of a Livestock Program Coordinator. The Juab County Livestock Committee and Livestock show are important parts of Juab County. From planning the show with the Fair Board, to making sure youth are ready and confident in showing animals, USU Extension has often been a supporter and key player in making the Juab County show a great one. This year, having someone dedicated to not only supporting the youth livestock programs, but putting on adult livestock workshops as well will be a great addition to the county. Additionally, we are hiring new staff assistants who focus on finance and marketing as well as club leaders and site coordinators at all the schools in the county. If you or someone you know is looking to join our team in 2022, you can apply at <https://extension.usu.edu/juab/>.

As the number of faculty and staff in our office continues to grow, and we continue to reach out and serve diverse populations and meet the needs of the county, we want to give a big thank you to our biggest supporters – the community members who use our services. Whether you come in with questions about plants, want to get your pressure canner lid tested, call us with livestock questions, or have youth in the 4-H program, we appreciate that you trust us to continue to provide education in our county. Regardless of the changes that come, the community that is here helps us keep going. Without you, we wouldn't exist so thank you for your support in 2021 and we look forward to seeing what comes from 2022!