Southern Plains EXTENSION BOARD REPORT

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Engaging with Nebraskans wherever they are, connecting them with the resources, research and innovation of the University of Nebraska.

Lawrence-Nelson Pre-School had 16 chicks hatch out of 18 eggs incubated!!

Program Data

51 Teachers and school professionals served coffee for utilizing Nebraska Extension programming in the 2025-2026 school year.

37 L/N Middle Schoolers completed Leadership Summit program on May 7th

372 County Fair ready projects made on Bonanza Day in Nuc Counti

37 Youth attended the Southern Plains Livestoc Judging Contest in Nelson on June 19th

55 youth participated in Bonanza Day in Nuckolls and Thayer counties. 41 4-H age youth and 14 clover kids. In 2 days and 12 hours, 372 projects were created. An additional 15 projects were created from brown-bag pick up with additional supplies.





Summer reading program in Thayer County took place in Bruning, Hebron, and Deshler this year. Lessons were based around the theme "Unearth a Story" based around dinosaurs.

Upcoming Extension Events

Nuckolls County Fair July 26th-August 1st



Thayer County Fair
August 3rd- 10th