

EXTENSION TRENDS: **ONEIDA COUNTY**

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2024 By the Numbers

- **1,375** direct contacts
- **200** youth participants
- **40** volunteers
- **4,000** volunteer hours
- **\$5,850** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Oneida County: Bill Lewis, Joan Hawkins, John Abrams, Philip Firth, John Williams, Josh Pasket, Lexie Evans and Staci Tripp.

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2024 Impact

The UI Extension, Oneida County office had a great year of programming and educational opportunities for the community. Well attended events included the local forage school and beef school. New in 2024 were classes on equine management, which will continue in 2025. Extension Educator Sawyer Fannesbeck presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of County Agriculture Agents on livestock judging programming he has been working on in the county. Research continued on a project looking into hay quality under different storage conditions over an extended period of time. More data was collected in 2024, and it is anticipated that this project will conclude with results available to the public in late 2025.

4-H in Oneida County

The 4-H program grew in 2024 with more volunteers and projects than the previous year. One of the main highlights in 2024 was the ability to increase the 4-H coordinator from a part-time to full-time position, thanks to the support of Oneida County commissioners. The commissioners have been very supportive of the 4-H and Extension programs, and the Extension office is looking forward to the increased possibilities of programs with a fully staffed office. The Oneida County Fair was very well attended by many within and outside the community. The market hog program was nearly double the size of the previous year and the first year of a market goat program was held in 2024. The fair board and community are very supportive of 4-H youth and their endeavors.

On the Horizon

New in 2025 will be an increased number of family nutrition and food preservation classes, in addition to more discussions with local agriculture producers to further determine the needs of the county for further educational activities. The UI Extension, Oneida County office is also looking forward to another great 4-H year packed with some updated day-camps and club projects for youth in the county. Many previous classes will also be offered again in 2025.