

Horticulture, Landscape & Environmental Systems

2025 Impact At-A-Glance



Nebraska Extension connects people to plants, health, and community, cultivating resilient landscapes and healthier lives statewide.



The Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Volunteer (EMGV) Program empowers Nebraskans with research-based education to share their expertise in gardening, landscapes, and more. After completing EMGV training, occupational therapist Kathy Baker saw the perfect way to connect her professional skills with her lifelong love of gardening. Supported by Nebraska Extension, she designed an adaptive gardening program that teaches people how to garden through physical challenges. To date, Kathy has reached over 150 gardeners through in-person workshops, online classes, and recorded learning sessions. By merging horticulture, health, and accessibility, Kathy's work helps Nebraskans continue to find joy and purpose in the garden, no matter their abilities.

**NEBRASKA EXTENSION is
RELENTLESSLY RELEVANT.**



**EXPLORE ALL 2025
IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS**

709

Volunteers across 54
counties currently engaged
in the EMGV program

32,257

Volunteer hours
contributed by EMGVs
across the state in 2025

\$1,030,933

Public value of the EMGV
hours volunteered in 2025*

**based on Independent Sector's
estimate of Nebraska's value of a
volunteer hour in 2024."*

**STRENGTHEN NEBRASKA
AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS**

**INSPIRE NEBRASKANS &
THEIR COMMUNITIES**

**ENHANCE THE HEALTH
& WELLBEING OF ALL
NEBRASKANS**



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ONE OF THE BIG 3: Extension professionals work shoulder-to-shoulder with Nebraskans to protect natural resources, manage and improve landscapes, address bug-related issues, and grow safe, nutritious food. Through Extension experts and resources, Nebraskans have what they need to make well-informed decisions related to their health, families, surroundings, and hometowns. Nebraska Extension is an integral partner in helping Nebraska live up to its well-earned reputation as “The Good Life.”

Horticulture, Landscape & Environmental Systems 2025 Highlights

- 154 green industry professionals, overseeing around 15,000 properties, attended ProHort training.
- 20,300 one-on-one connections made, each client receiving personalized, trusted and science-based guidance.
- Over 26,000 individuals subscribed to the Backyard Farmer YouTube channel, up 643% in 2025.
- 756 people participated in programs promoting tick safety to reduce bites and prevent illness.
- Installed 20 raised beds with Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, helping 85 residents grow culturally relevant produce in their own backyards.



88%

of returning attendees applied new practices learned at the Local Foods, Healthy Farms Conference, including cover crops, no-till, budgeting, and more.



“Thank you for your expertise. Your services and knowledge are truly valued by our community!”

- Community Member and Extension Client



46,336

participants were directly impacted by 647 program activities offered across Nebraska and beyond the state in 2025.