



Fifty-two Central Nebraska high school students participated in dynamic Food Science and Hospitality focused experiences on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus in 2023.

To broaden thinking about food science and hospitality education, Extension Educator Kayla Hinrichs works with campus faculty to organize one-day immersive tours for high school students. Youths attend lectures, conduct lab experiments, tour the Food Innovation Center, experience the Sensory Analysis Lab, eat at the Union and visit a dormitory. The taste of college life allows students to glimpse how they might build a satisfying career around their passion for food and creativity. For 46 participants, this was their first time on UNL's campus, and they came away saying UNL is welcoming.

Programs At-A-Glance

Elementary and secondary students in Litchfield, Ord and Loup City got involved in testing, tasting and promoting new cafeteria recipes featuring locally grown produce. As a result they gained confidence in food preparation, improved recipes and showed creativity. Helping grow and prepare the produce increased students' receptiveness to try new foods.

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Howard and Sherman County 5th grade students attended Animals Inside & Out programs

STRENGTHEN NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

75%

of exhibitors attended face-to-face YQCA, learning about emergency action plans for 4-H livestock

INSPIRE NEBRASKANS & THEIR COMMUNITIES

\$7,500

generated for local school foodservice programs through Farm-to-School grants

ENHANCE THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF ALL NEBRASKANS

