

PDC Strategic Opportunities Survey

Local Program Needs – Northwest Area

- Continue to keep people informed on the Extension helpfulness and the information the Extension has for the average individual.
- Parenting Skills
- Housing shortage/prices and need more people to fill available jobs--although we are beginning to see that turn with the current economy.
- Consumer education.
- I feel the illegal aliens are getting too many handouts from the federal, state & local community and not paying any taxes or giving anything back to the local community.
- more area wide daycare options
- Better use of local funds and donations to benefit the local community rather than sending the money out of town. More communication between local organizations.
- To come together as a community and make things happen
- Marketing of crops and livestock during volatile market times.
- We have a great need for increased local daycare options for young parents. Ag is a major part of our local economy. Anything that can help producers will help our community.
- Lawn/garden is a big item with local residents. More education for homeowners regarding pests, fertilization, soil testing, etc. Pouring on more Sevin and roundup isn't the answer to all your problems!
- Substance abuse/avoidance of addictive behaviors Parenting/grandparenting skills
- our community needs more economic development.
- I believe our local extension office is doing a great job.
- The community seems to like info on health issues and farming. One thing I would like is to help get knowledge of community service available for the teens in our community. They seem to not be able to come up with very many.
- What farming and ranching practices have been successful and what hasn't. What new things have been tried.
- Helping the farm community deal with the current economy
- A need for a building to make it nicer for the community to meet in and to hold the local fair This building should have air conditioning to better accommodate the weather and community members.
- better medical options; need doctors!
- grow-serve local markets to schools, hospitals, senior centers, etc.; promote sustainable family farms
- What is 'very important' is different than what extension should focus.
- Managing household resources efficiently in the current economic environment.
- We need agents with animal science knowledge to provide educational opportunities for our 4-H'ers and livestock producers.
- Garden/Orchard produce
- I work with young families who struggle with putting nutritious food before their families. They need help with planning and what is the most resourceful for their family.
- Profitability for agriculture, local shopping where possible

- I think the main concern at this point in time is helping people within the community create businesses. Our community needs a strong economic force in order to draw others into living here.
- Health Aging
- Aging issues Money management
- Job creating business or industry that will draw and keep young people.
- Working closer with families and children Anything with aging
- more community involvement
- Production costs management Leasing rates Fertilizer management
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- Pasture management
- Marketing crops and livestock
- We are in the process of having wind energy in our county.
- youth financial management
- Updating or replacement of current health care facilities.
- Our agents do a good job trying to get information out to producers, consumers and the community as a whole. I have no additional comments or concerns. Keep up the good work!
- Keeping youth in the rural areas so that they don't lose their existence.
- Agriculture is so vital to our area. This is the strongest need that we have because it reaches and affects every person in our area.
- Action on the part of the committee.
- my comments here refer to my question as to what this survey is actually about...does it ask me if I think extension should supply this help in the community as a result of the answers or if these points need are important to me? Most of the issues asked
- FARMERS MARKET, CONFERENCES ON AG SCIENCE
- Developing specific strategies that will work in each community to remain sustainable in an ever changing world.
- Extension cannot be all things to all people but they can be a catalyst to bring the city to the county--create opportunities by either doing programs themselves or bringing in experts to answer questions, provide resource. And timeliness---ext. needs