

Sheyenne Horse Workshop

The Situation

There are a substantial amount of horse owners in East Central North Dakota who had not been reached by an NDSU Extension equine program in several years. These owners have recreation horses, as proved by an increase in a local 4-H horse program. Also there are ranchers who still use horses in their operation.

Extension Response

A pre-survey asking local horse owners what topics they would like addressed was sent out in electronic and paper form. The top five topics from the surveys were covered at the workshop. This included:

- Nutrition Requirements
- Opportunities with Horses in 4-H
- Tack Selection and Fitting
- Disease and Medication
- Young Horse Development

Horse Industry ethics was also presented.

Impacts

Thirty-seven people attended the workshop, consisting of 81% women and 8% Native American. A post-survey was given to learn what the attendees gained from the workshop. Information from 43% of the participants was collected. Survey found:

	% Increase in Knowledge Gained	% Moderate to Very Likely to Use the Info. Learned
Nutrition Requirements	23	100
Opportunities w/ Horses in 4-H	26	79
Tack Selection & Fitting	28	100
Disease & Medication	31	94
Young Horse Development	49	81
Ethics in the Horse Industry	35	80

Feedback

“Enjoyed very much –great turn out! Hope there will be more.”

“Have the same people [presenters] back they were all very good.”

Shortly after the workshop was held, a livestock producer contacted the Foster County Extension Office inquiring about a recording of the presentations. Unfortunately, there were no recordings during this event. However, this producer proved that a horse workshop has value for more than just horse enthusiasts. There are many local livestock producers who rely on horses for their daily tasks at the ranch.

Such feedback proves that future NDSU Extension equine programs are desirable to address the needs of horse owners.



Gold represents attendees' place of residence

Public Value Statement

Horse workshops proved that there is a hunger for more knowledge about improving the quality of horse husbandry in East Central North Dakota.

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