

# Annual Report to Clarke County Commission



## Alabama Cooperative Extension System Clarke County Office



# Clarke County Staff



## Mission Statement

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the primary outreach organization for the land-grant mission of Alabama A&M University and Auburn University, delivers research-based educational programs that enable people to improve their quality of life and economic well-being.



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Consumer Science & Personal Financial Management

# Extension Programs



## Holiday cooking program presented to homemakers club

- Garden meetings focusing on Tomato and Satsuma production
- Holiday Food Safety Tips presented to Clarke County Association of Retarded Citizens
- 4-H programs are an integral part of afterschool programs in Grove Hill Schools
- "Food Disasters Can be Repaired" News Article
- Presentation and planning for Forestry Awareness program
- Answered food safety, food preparation and food preservation calls
- Troubleshooting problems in home lawns and gardens
- Serve on County Development Foundation

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## Youth education activity for Kids and Kin program

- Production meetings for Cattle Marketing
- Search and identify rare species of Native Azalea growing in Clarke County
- Hosted agricultural tour for State Extension Agents
- Presented Reality Check program to youth groups on financial planning and account management
- 4-H clubs participated in community service activities including American Heart Association fundraisers
- Herb workshop for home gardeners

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## Estate planning workshop for Thomasville senior center

- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program presented to the Clarke County ARC
- Sun safety programs presented to youth and adults through Mental Health Clinic
- Nutrition and Budgeting programs presented to limited resource expecting mothers
- Healthy living recipes and cooking demonstrations to food stamp recipients
- EFNEP programs presented to inmates at Clarke county jail
- Clarke County Hosted 4-H regional competition with participants from 6 area counties
- Clarke County 4-H members participated in National Citizenship event in Washington DC.

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Wilson Hall Middle School students learn about exciting careers in food science

- Members of 4-H participated in fundraising activities including a boston butt sale
- Estate Planning workshops conducted in local communities provided guidance and information
- Food service workers were trained in a nationally recognized food safety program, ServeSafe
- Beef Cattle production meetings were conducted focusing on weed control
- 4-H members participated in 4-H day at Auburn Basketball and Football games

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Home garden demonstrations using plastic mulch and drip irrigation



Stretching Your Food Dollar program presented to limited resource individuals

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## Serve it Safe program presented to Child Nutrition Program and school lunchroom staff

- Represented Alabama at National Beef industry meeting Reno, NV
- Having a Healthy Baby series presented to DHR referrals
- Expanded Foods and Nutrition Program presented to limited resource families
- Row crop production meetings for local and area producers
- Pesticide education safety and usage information
- Promoted and secured funding for feasibility study related to potential multi use facility
- 4-H club member training and workshops presented on computer and internet use for education

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## Troubleshooting plant problems in home gardens

- Classroom in the Forest program presented to elementary school students promoting county forestry industry and local natural resources
- Conducted how-to sessions with municipality employees on plant and tree planting and care
- Participated in Alabama Animal Agriculture Emergency training and certification program
- Secured Rural Initiative Grant for youth leadership
- Assist citizens with home landscape improvement
- Community development program participation including Leadership Clarke County

# *Thank you for your Continued Support!*

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