

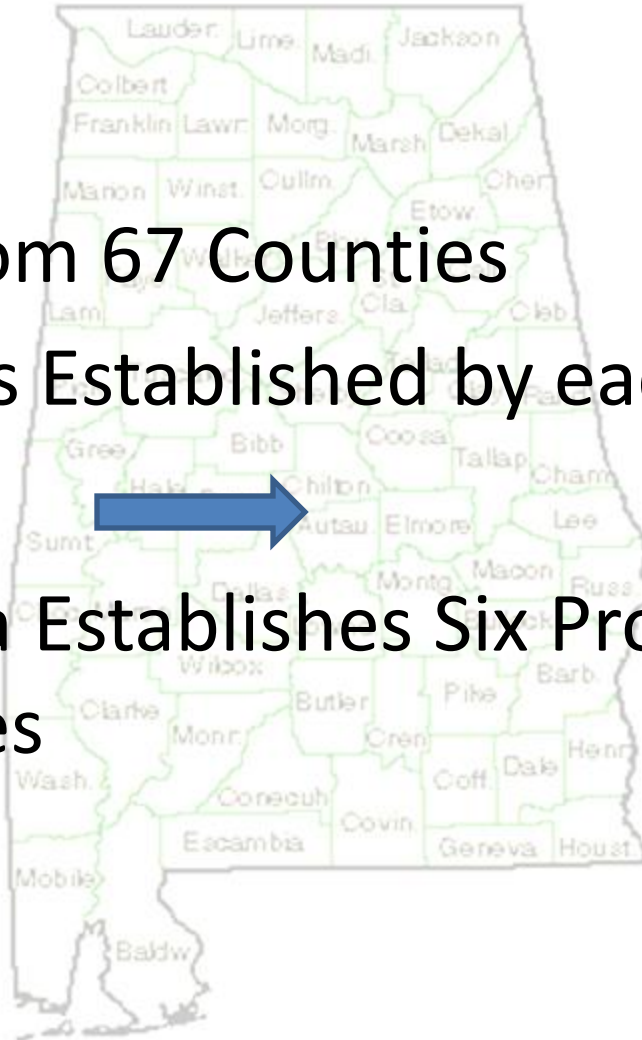


Welcome Advisory Board & Commissioners

January 20, 2011

Review of 2010 Grassroots Needs Assessment

- Input from 67 Counties
- Priorities Established by each county
- Alabama Establishes Six Program Initiatives



Recommendations from Limestone County

- Health & Wellness Across the Lifespan
- Safe & Secure Food supply
- Workforce Development
- Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation
- Financial Literacy Across the Lifespan
- Technology Usage and Adoption

Statewide Strategic Program Initiatives

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- Health & Wellness Across the Lifespan

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- Workforce Development

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- Safe & Secure Food Supply

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- Financial Literacy Across the Lifespan

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- Sustainable Agricultural & Forestry Systems

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- Environmental Stewardship

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Health & Wellness Across the Lifespan

- Strong Women Healthy Hearts Program
- Nutrition Classes: Healthy cooking & Meal Preparation



Health & Wellness Across the Lifespan, con't.

- Environmental Health Issues
 - Mold & Mildew
 - Indoor Air
- Childhood Obesity: Nutrition Classes



Workforce Development

- Alabama Broadband Technology Grant (State-wide grant related to economic benefits and practical applications of broadband technology).
- 'Basic skills' program in Tanner Boys & Girls Clubs
- Rural Alabama Initiatives Grant



Safe & Secure Food Supply

- ServSafe Classes for Foodservice (Restaurants & School Systems)
- Basic Food Safety Training
- Food Preservation
- Consumer Food Field Days – Increase knowledge of basic food production



Safe & Secure Food Supply, cont'd.

- “Home Grown” Workshops on safe use of pesticides
- Food Animal Quality Assurance Programs to insure safe food supply for beef and swine



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Financial Literacy Across the Lifespan

- Basic Financial Management Classes
- “Reality Check”
- Career development workshops through job fairs, etc.
- Assist agencies and groups with client referrals, assistance, and programming



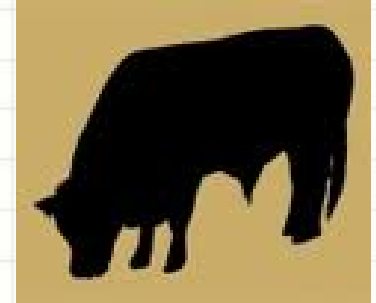
Sustainable Agricultural & Forestry Systems

- Commercial Agriculture
 - Grower Meetings: Tree Fruit, Vegetable
 - IPM Strategies
 - Respond to Client-generated calls and questions
- Agronomy
 - Herbicide-resistant Pigweed
 - Improved soil quality through crop production meetings and enhanced soil testing
 - Respond to Client-generated calls and questions



Agricultural Sustainability, cont'd.

- Livestock
 - Beef Improvement Programs
 - Fertility Programs and Assistance
 - Forage Meetings
- Small Animal products production & marketing
- Precision Agriculture: Geospatial Technologies utilized by farmers



Environmental Stewardship

- 'Alabama Smart Yards' and 'Smart Gardeners' programs used to increase efficiency of water use and reduce wasteful fertilizer applications



Specially Funded Programs

- Radon Education
- Urban Nutrition Education
- RAI Grant
- RAPP (Grandparents and other relatives raising children)



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Ongoing Programs & County Initiatives

- 4-H and Youth
 - Fostering Youth Leadership Development
 - Local Clubs
 - School & Community
 - Competitive Events
 - Teens Making Impact Conference
 - Summer Camps & Activities



(Thanks to Local Sponsorship: Limestone County United Way & Limestone County Farmers Federation)

Ongoing Programs & County Initiatives, Cont'd

- Home Horticulture: Master Gardeners
 - Client Questions
 - Limestone County HelpLine
- Food Safety & Preservation
- Basic Life Skill Development classes (Boys & Girls Clubs and other youth groups)



Media

- Weekly/regular “Garden Spot” articles in local newspaper
- Featured articles on specific topics
- Meeting Announcements
- Radio programs
 - Weekly (WKAC) – Home Horticulture & Other



2011 RAI Grant

- Assist young adults age 18-24 make transition from dependence on families to independence
 - Financial Management
 - Food/Nutrition/Health
 - Employability Skills
 - Community Engagement
- June 2011

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