

# 2013 Extension Impacts in Crenshaw County



## ACES

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.

## Close to Home

Our commitment is solidified in our ongoing support of offices in all 67 counties. These offices assure our connection to the local needs and issues of all citizens.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System funds 4.16 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Crenshaw County**. These professionals deliver educational programs throughout the year. Programs are developed statewide and delivered locally in each county. Extension regularly partners with the people of Alabama to assess the educational needs in all walks of life.

## Agriculture, Forestry, Wildlife, and Natural Resources

- **Invasive species training** has been the highlight of several forestry programs in Crenshaw County. This training was given to Treasure Forest owners representing more than 5,000 acres of private forest land.
- The Crenshaw County Extension office, in partnership with the Alabama Poultry and Egg Association, delivers quarterly informational meetings dealing with **management of poultry houses**. These poultry farms represent a \$96 million industry for the county.

## Economic and Community Development

- 45 senior citizens received **Internet and Internet safety training** through the grant-funded Broadband 101 program.
- 60 vocational agriculture students were trained in **online e-workforce development** and use of the Internet for resume building and filling out applications.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

- Local canning and food preservation articles and classes have built a definite **interest in locally grown produce**, with approximately 4 new young growers starting to sell at local markets.

## 4-H and Youth Development

- 70 4-H young people learned about **leadership, citizenship, responsibility, and life skills** at the state 4-H camp held in Columbiana.
- All county fifth graders—approximately 250 young people—participated in Classroom in the Forest, gaining an **appreciation for forests and the environment**.