

2016 Extension Impacts in Henry County

► The Alabama Cooperative Extension System funds 4.67 full-time equivalent employees in Henry County. These positions 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

- Extension Peanut Pod Blasting Workshops helped 280 Wiregrass growers increase their profits \$7.1 million by digging their peanuts at optimum maturity. 880 samples were processed by Extension staff at no cost resulting in a savings to the grower of \$21,500.
- Growers realized an additional \$18 per ton resulting in \$106,875 increased revenues. The return on investment for Extension resources was \$3,170 for every dollar invested in this program.
- Vegetable production continues to be a huge part of agricultural income for Henry County small farmers. Extension efforts trained 20 growers in farmers market vendor safety and aided growers with production recommendations.
- Riley Tree Farm and Treasure Forest was honored with the Helen Mosley Treasure Forest and Alabama Tree Farm awards.

Economic and Community Development

- Todd Farms hosted the first annual Sugar Cane Field Day with 85 in attendance. Extension presented educational talks and conducted field tours. Proceeds benefit Henry County youth with Farm City scholarships. Todd Farms also opened Todd Farms Country Store and Restaurant in 2016 and enlarged Todd Farms Feed and Farm Supply to include Bonnie Plants and a seasonal farmers market.
- Expansion of Safe Yeast added new production facilities and 30 new jobs in Henry County investing some \$50 million.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- More than 100 families graduated from the PROSPER Strengthening Families Program for young people 10 through 14.
- Money saved by the county juvenile courts equaled a \$9.60 return on every dollar spent on PROSPER.

4-H and Youth Development

- 660 Henry County young people participated in 4-H Youth Development.
- 200 fourth graders and 85 volunteers participated in the Ground Water Festival to study conservation and preservation of our most precious natural resource.
- 220 fifth graders and 60 volunteer leaders participated in Classroom in the Forest programs at the Riley Treasure Forest.



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