

2013 Extension Impacts in Clarke County



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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 6.01 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Clarke 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

- A multiagency Forest Landowner Tour and educational workshops helped participants **learn about potential hardwood plantation opportunities**, invasive plant control, and financial considerations.
- Farmers and ranchers, who combined own more than 25,000 acres, **learned about estate planning** through Clarke County Extension workshops.

Economic and Community Development

- 22 adults and 7 young people graduated from the Leadership Clarke County program to **enhance individual leadership while educating participants** about current conditions and needs.
- Small business owners handling seafood attended a required Seafood HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) course held in Clarke County.
- Extension in Clarke County conducted home insect and pest control training with Hospice Home Health Business **to stem the potential spread and health risks of insects** such as bed bugs and cockroaches.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 170 children at Jackson Intermediate School **learned the importance of proper hand washing and the control of bacteria** by participating in the House of Germs that uses ultraviolet light to simulate bacteria.
- 30 families with middle-school teens participated in PROSPER, a community-university partnership that delays or **prevents substance abuse, violence, sexual activity**, and other risky behaviors by developing positive personal characteristics.
- Extension-produced materials helped 100 parents and children in the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPI) program learn about **school readiness and healthy eating**.

4-H and Youth Development

- Young people in Clarke County are **learning science and engineering skills** through the 4-H Robotics Club. Pneumatics and other engineering principles are included.
- Project Pig Squeal and Chick Chain helped 65 young people **learn meat animal production, animal husbandry, and agricultural enterprise record keeping**.