

2013 Extension Impacts in Jackson County



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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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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 6.36 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Jackson 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

- More than 297 working hours were dedicated to the home horticulture program focusing on gardening, landscape design, insect control, chemical safety, and horticulture therapy. This program area **saved the Jackson County Commission more than \$7,000** in working hours.

Economic and Community Development

- Extension's adult and youth leadership programs provide opportunities for the citizens of Jackson County to become better acquainted throughout the community. During the past 5 years, a local foundation has awarded more than **\$65,000 in college scholarships** for deserving junior leadership program graduates.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Providing a safe and secure food source is a vital aspect in any community's development. In response to this need, Extension delivered more than 12 programs in food safety representing approximately 215 hours of work and **saving companies the cost of outsourcing training**.
- An estate planning workshop helped more than 15 participants **increase awareness of intestate death, the need for power of attorney**, identity theft dangers, and numerous other problems that can affect the aging.
- Extension helped educate residents of Jackson County on the risks of radon. More than 400 bags with educational information were distributed in the county, which has a Zone 1 designation for elevated risk of this cancer-causing agent. Approximately 112 working hours were dedicated to **educating citizens about this human health issue**.