

2013 Extension Impacts in Sumter 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 4.73 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Sumter 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

- Sumter County row crop producers saw yield differences in corn of 21 bushels between two varieties, resulting in an economic difference of \$94 per acre. A soybean yield difference of 11 bushels between two varieties resulted in an **economic difference of \$154 per acre**.

Economic and Community Development

- Extension helped re-establish local vegetable markets in Livingston and Panola, resulting in local vegetable growers selling \$15,000 in produce. Extension educated farmers in **marketing as well as food handling and food safety**.

Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- 42 Sumter County residents participated in the Boosting Broadband connected community forum where they learned about the **importance of high-speed Internet**. As a result of the forum, 25 percent of attendees have subscribed to high-speed Internet connection.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 25 Sumter County food service workers received training and earned **ServSafe Food Safety Certification** as required by the Alabama Department of Public Health.
- Childhood obesity is one of the greatest pressing child health issues in Sumter County, and children of limited-resource families are at particular risk. In 2013, 192 youth participated in the **Kids in the Kitchen** and **CATCH** programs with 90 percent reporting that they **improved their knowledge of nutrition** with recommendations from the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

4-H and Youth Development

- 347 Sumter County students participated in 4-H in-school programs including **Health Rocks!** and **4-H Innovators**. As a result of the programs, youth **reduced risk behaviors** that affect future earning and employment opportunities.