

# 2013 Extension Impacts in Morgan 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 8.26 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Morgan 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

- 108 participants from every county in North Alabama plus 3 counties in Tennessee attended the North Alabama High Tunnel Production Workshop to **learn about high tunnel crop production**.
- Four educational wild pig management videos have **reached 165,000 viewers on YouTube**.
- 37 people attended two Enhancing the Safety of Locally Grown Produce workshops. Farmers indicated they would **provide safer produce by following guidelines taught in the sessions**.

## Economic and Community Development

- Farm accounting classes are helping farmers and agribusiness owners keep accurate financial records for tax and business planning purposes. **Accurate records will help them save in taxes each year.**

## Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- 3,990 Morgan County residents participated in SNAP-ED (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education) with 85 percent improving knowledge, skills, physical activity, and the ability to make **wise food choices for a healthier lifestyle**.
- CHAMPION programs through Kids 'n Kin of Morgan County **helped educate parents, aunts, grandparents, etc.,** who have responsibility for children.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

- 124 food service workers were trained in the ServSafe Food Safety Certification program required for food service establishments to remain open, **generating revenue and serving safer food to consumers**.
- 95 adults and 60 young people participated in 13 Consumer Science and Personal Financial Management activities.

## 4-H and Youth Development

- Morgan County sixth graders are participating in the 4-H Robotics Program in preparation for **job readiness and hi-tech careers**.
- 500 urban and rural young people participate in projects that **promote skills and healthy living**.
- 693 urban young people participated in the 4-H Council-funded Health Rocks! program learning to make **healthy decisions related to life choices, tobacco, and drugs**.