

2013 Extension Impacts in Monroe 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 6.38 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Monroe 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

- 18 municipal and professional tree workers are **better prepared to work safely** in and around utility lines by participating in the Trees, Trucks, and Power Lines program.
- **Cotton and peanut producers saved \$14,492,500** as a result of sprayer rodeos where producers calibrated their sprayers or changed tips for maximum efficiency.
- Extension helped beef cattle producers learn to distinguish **fact from myth regarding the use of hormone implants**.
- 15 participants in the Home Grown Incredible Edibles program learned to **identify beneficial pests, read pesticide labels**, and use integrated pest management.
- 80 percent of those attending an Extension workshop **increased their knowledge of recreational pond management**.

Economic and Community Development

- Businesses participating in the Understanding the Affordable Care Act workshop increased their understanding of the act from **6.9 percent to 61.3 percent**.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 96 percent of young people learned **money management skills**—the value of a monthly budget and smart money decisions as well as the link between education and careers.
- More than 400 students acquired the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors and **reduce health risks** through the House of Horrible Germs science-based educational program.
- With Body Quest: Food of the Warrior, the Nutrition Education Program's flagship nutrition effort, more than 100 students learned the **value of eating more fruits and vegetables**, being more physically active, improving sleep hygiene, and enhancing family involvement.
- Extension's Awareness of Bullying program enabled 127 middle school students to actively engage in establishing possible **solutions to combat bullying** in their schools.
- 90 to 95 percent of those attending Turning Over a New Leaf classes increased their knowledge of how to begin a **healthy lifestyle to manage chronic diseases**.
- Extension helped in the **fight against childhood obesity** through the Kids in the Kitchen and CATCH programs. 156 youth in Monroe County participated.

4-H and Youth Development

- 200 students gained a **greater knowledge of science, engineering, and math** through the 4-H Innovators/STEM program.