

# 2013 Extension Impacts in Lawrence 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 6.09 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Lawrence 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

- Extension helped 137 Lawrence County livestock farmers learn management techniques to **improve the productivity** of their forages and livestock.
- 71,000 acres of row crops were planted with Extension help in **selecting optimum seed varieties**.
- Soybean farmers realized yields of approximately **1½ bushels more per acre** making cost effective decisions related to soybean rust and pest management.
- Fruit and vegetable growers **saved approximately \$30,000** by using Extension recommendations and approximately **\$15,000 was saved** through pecan and fruit cultivar propagation.

## Economic and Community Development

- Extension provided support to approximately 32 commercial vegetable growers who participated in the Lawrence County Farmers Market as a way to **add family income**.
- Agri-tourism and related sites continue to be a major focus of tourist attractions **enhancing the local economy and businesses** in Lawrence County.

## Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- Urban Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Ed) helped 984 adults and 1,616 youth focus on **improving eating habits and increasing physical activity**.
- 383 youth and 248 adults **learned about natural resource conservation** and environmental stewardship through the Urban Environmental Science and Home \*A\*Syst Program.
- 232 urban young people participated in the 4-H Council-funded Health Rocks! program learning to make **healthy decisions about life choices and tobacco and drug use**.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

- 655 participated in seminars and workshops encouraging **workforce development and sound financial management skills**.
- 250 senior citizens learned to **improve overall health, wellness, and nutrition**.

## 4-H and Youth Development

- Extension reached approximately 3,500 young people with educational programs in **career awareness, leadership, citizenship, and personal development**.
- Approximately 52 sixth graders and parents **strengthened their families** through the PROSPER program.