

2013 Extension Impacts in Marshall 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.

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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 7.82 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Marshall 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

- 54 producers learned valuable information about **fruit management, high tunnel production**, pest management, fire ant management, rainwater collection, and water wheels at the High Tunnel Crop Production and Fruit Management Field Day.
- Marshall County Master Gardener volunteers distributed Extension home horticulture recommendations and **literature to more than 2,000 at the Marshall County Farmers Market**.
- Farm Business Management Program classes helped farmers and agribusiness owners **keep accurate financial records** for tax and business planning purposes. Accurate records help in preparing taxes each year.
- 310 young people learned the significance of private landowners in the management of forest resources and the **importance of responsible stewardship of our forests** by their participation in the Forest in the Classroom/Classroom in the Forest project.

Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- A rain barrel workshop helped 21 homeowners construct rain barrels to **conserve water, potentially lower water bills**, and provide water for plants during dry summer months.
- 150 individuals **increased their knowledge of small ruminant production** through two workshops and a field day in Marshall County.
- 7,800 youth and adults from the **Hispanic community** participated in programs by the ACES Urban Unit in collaboration with community partners. Hands-on exercise activities helped children have fun while increasing physical activity and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Extension is **helping keep food safe** in Alabama by offering the ServSafe Food Safety Certification program. 9 food service workers registered for the ServSafe program in Spanish.
- 271 adults participated in **personal financial management** and consumer science programs.

4-H and Youth Development

- 1,500 young people participated in **various educational experiences** through in-school clubs, after-school events, special interest and enrichment groups, and camping.