

# 2013 Extension Impacts in Hale 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 6.07 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Hale 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

- 28 Hale County beef producers **became better prepared to manage price risks** in their operations by attending the Managing Feeder Cattle Price Risk in Volatile Markets meeting.
- Fifth graders **learned the value of cutting trees as a management strategy** for a healthy forest through Forest in the Classroom/Classroom in the Forest.
- Home Grown programs increased participants' knowledge by more than 50 percent. Installing drip irrigation **increased profits by more than 30 to 40 percent** for vegetable growers and small gardeners.

## Economic and Community Development

- In 2012, Hale County **seniors received 15 \$30 farmers market vouchers** valued at \$450. With assistance from the county Extension office in 2013, seniors received 517 valued at \$15,510.

## Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- 50 Hale County small ruminant producers participated in a series of Extension workshops on **small ruminant management, reproduction, nutrition, and health**.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

- 177 Hale County youth participated in Kids in the Kitchen and Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) programs. **65 percent increased their abilities to choose foods** according to federal dietary recommendations.
- Based on participant responses indicating their intent to perform evaluated food safety behaviors, a **21 percent reduction in food-borne illness**, hospitalization, and deaths from food-borne illness can be predicted.
- 15 participants learned about **nutrition for seniors** at a caregivers workshop.
- 20 Health Scholar students learned **lessons in good nutrition**.
- 27 Hale County caregivers participated in the 2013 Alabama Caregiver Program, helping **address a growing need for professional/family caregivers**.

## 4-H and Youth Development

- The trained and screened 4-H volunteers in Hale County completed 35 volunteer hours **translating to a value of \$744**.