

2013 Extension Impacts in Butler County



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The Alabama Cooperative Extension System funds 4.29 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Butler 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

- 68 poultry producers learned that they could save money by changing their houses from propane gas to natural gas. Propane gas averages about \$2.65 per pound while natural gas is about \$1.16 for the same amount. This switch can result in a **\$745 savings on a 500-pound tank**.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- The ServSafe Food Safety Certification program has helped 26 food service establishments remain open, generating revenue and safer food for consumers in Butler County. The cost of food-borne illness in the United States was estimated at \$152 billion in 2010, but in 2012 the estimate was reduced to \$77.7 billion. By following even one newly learned food safety practice from the ServSafe program, food service workers can help **reduce food-borne illness and the cost of that illness to society**.
- As a result of 16 Butler County residents attending Eat Healthy, Be Active community workshops, 14 participants **agreed to change their eating habits** by increasing fruits and vegetables, modifying recipes to make them healthier, planning their meals, and being more active.