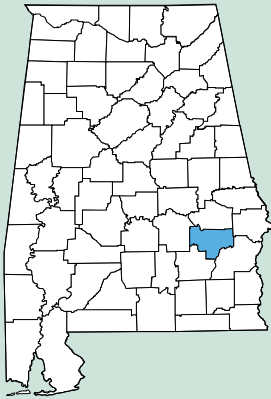


2013 Extension Impacts in Bullock County



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 5.68 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Bullock 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

- 250 employees from Bonnie Plant Farm participated in Extension's Workers Protection Standard Workshop to **learn safe practices when working in an environment after pesticides have been sprayed**. The training certified the attendees for five years, saving time and money for the company, which has a \$40 million annual impact on the community.
- 142 students each year **learn the importance of forest management** and environmental stewardship through Bullock County's Forest in the Classroom/ Classroom in the Forest.
- 150 students learned the **importance of groundwater** and its effect on life.
- Local commercial **vegetable growers sold \$23,000** in produce this year at the Bullock County Farmers Market, up from \$20,000 last year.

Economic and Community Development

- The Bullock County Future Leaders Program teaches 30 tenth grade students about their county and **how to become engaged in their community**.
- Trees, Trucks, and Powerlines: A Guide to Safety workshop helped **reduce the risk of serious injury or death** for the 30 city and county employees who attended.

Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- Across the region, **1,797,981 people were reached** through the online Virtual Entrepreneurship Center, with training primarily reaching rural, nontraditional, and underserved people.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Bullock County's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) helped **reduce obesity and poor nutrition** and the associated risks of chronic diseases.
- The Nutrition Education Program (NEP) helps SNAP recipients and applicants **make healthy food choices** in a variety of ways. Body Quest, the flagship program for reaching our youth audience in Bullock County, uses iPad technology to help **reduce childhood obesity**.

4-H and Youth Development

- 566 young people participated in the National 4-H Council-funded Health Rocks! program, with 9 of 10 indicating that they will **say no to drugs and alcohol**.
- 5,500 urban young people participated in the National 4-H Council-funded Health Rocks! program, learning **skills for healthy living**.