

2013 Extension Impacts in Colbert County



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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 5.82 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Colbert 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

- More than 150 residents participated in the **Organic and Small Farm Production Field Day**.
- 200 students this year learned the **importance of forest management and environmental stewardship** through Forest in the Classroom/Classroom in the Forest.
- Farm Safety Day Camp helped more than **500 students learn about farm safety**.
- 125 cattle producers participated in **weed management and heifer and herd development** workshops.

Economic and Community Development

- More than 300 participated in the **West Colbert County Strategic Planning** meetings.
- Broadband and Internet training helped more than **200 residents improve computer skills**.
- Extension and the RC&D and Tourism Office installed and maintained three raised bed plots **showcasing crops grown in Colbert County**.

Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- More than 500 students participated in Alabama Health Rocks, Teens Making Impact, and Germ City, learning about **drug and alcohol prevention, hand washing, civic education, and career choices**.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- More than 30 learned the importance of having an **active and healthy lifestyle and controlling diabetes** through Eat Healthy, Be Active and Dining with Diabetes.
- **30 individuals were certified** through the ServSafe Food Safety Certification program; multiple food preparation and preservation classes were also offered.
- More than 475 contacts were made through **Radon Awareness Month**.
- Healthy relationship classes helped 333 learn about strengthening their families by **improving communication, stress management, and conflict resolution**.
- 53 child care providers learned to **improve the quality of care provided to children**; 30 child care and school employees attended a forum on bullying.
- 73 young people participated in Kids in the Kitchen and CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) programs. 97 percent **increased their nutrition knowledge**.

4-H and Youth Development

- 4-H programming was presented in more than **90 percent of county schools** with an enrollment of more than 1,200 4-H'ers.