

2013 Extension Impacts in Coffee 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 7.71 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Coffee 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

- 700 students each year **learn the importance of forest management and environmental stewardship** through Coffee County's Forest in the Classroom/Classroom in the Forest program. They also learn about water conservation and protection, the water cycle, and aquifers through Coffee County's Water Festival program.
- 70 farmers participated in the second annual Hay Day and learned about the **benefits of forage quality, insect control, nutrient management, and economic considerations**.

Economic and Community Development

- 350 citizens participated in three different coupon classes including Couponing Basics, How to Plan a Shopping Trip, and How to Maximize Savings.
- Crafting classes helped 80 residents learn how to **craft on a shoestring budget** by reusing and recycling.

Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- 25 residents attended a financial seminar where they learned about **IRAs, Roth IRAs, savings accounts, and budgeting**.
- 225 residents participated in two estate planning sessions learning about **living wills, current estate tax laws, and transferring property to the next generation**.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 187 attended Eat Healthy, Be Active classes, Dining with Diabetes classes, and the Hispanic Health Fair where they learned to make **healthier lifestyle choices**.
- 102 citizens trained in the ServSafe Food Safety Certification program for food service workers, resulting in **safer food service for Coffee County**.
- 28 residents increased their knowledge in food preservation classes.
- 300 youth learned the **benefits of nutrition and exercise** in nutrition education classes, which include Body Quest: Food of the Warrior.
- 74 adults graduated from six Today's Mom and Eat Smart, Be Active classes, and 174 youth graduated from six Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) classes. The programs help low-income families learn about food and nutrition to **improve their quality of life**.

4-H and Youth Development

- More than 800 young people are involved in 4-H in-school programming in all Coffee County Schools.