

2013 Extension Impacts in Limestone 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 5.98 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Limestone 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

- Through farm transition and accounting classes, farmers learned to make **estate planning and record keeping decisions** that can save tens of thousands of dollars in taxes and make succession transition successful.
- By propagating pecan cultivars and establishing new orchards, **growers have saved \$15,000** by using cultivars that require less spraying.
- Extension helped fruit and vegetable growers gain production and management information that when implemented **saved \$30,000** during the growing season.

Economic and Community Development

- Volunteers in the Canopy by Design project **planted 66 trees in public areas** to replace trees lost in the tornadoes of 2011. Value of the trees is estimated at more than \$19,500.
- Through Extension's participation in Be Ready Day, more than 800 people **gained information related to emergency preparedness**.

Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- Groups in six Limestone County senior centers participated in a six-month educational program that helped them gain knowledge about **health, law, and finances**.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Through 67 programs, more than 440 adults and 1,200 young people learned to **improve their finances and reduce debt**.
- As a result of nutrition classes taught in Limestone County, people gained skills in **food selection, menu planning, and healthy food preparation**.
- 18 food service workers were trained in ServSafe Food Safety Certification. Following servsafe practices can help people **avoid food-borne illnesses**.
- BodyQuest: Food of the Warrior was piloted to third graders helping them **make healthier food choices and increase physical activity**.

4-H and Youth Development

- More than 1,300 young people are enrolled in 4-H clubs in Limestone County, receiving monthly **educational programs and training in leadership skills**.
- Limestone County values the volunteer time of 1,268 hours at \$22.14 an hour equaling **\$28,073.52 as in-kind donations** to the Limestone County 4-H Club Program.