

2013 Extension Impacts in Cherokee County



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The Alabama Cooperative Extension System funds 5.87 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Cherokee 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

- Extension educated 490 farmers in implementing proper integrated pest management (IPM) strategies to combat the newly discovered infestation of the kudzu bug and the bermuda stem maggot, resulting in an **economic impact to the county of \$840,000**.

Economic and Community Development

- Extension partnered with the Weis Lake Improvement Association and the Coosa Valley Conservancy District to offer a **series of educational programs and activities** including Environmental Stewardship Clinics, Alabama Smart Yards, Project Get Pumped, BMP programs, rain barrel workshops, streamside riparian demonstrations, and water monitoring programs. In 2013, two streams that feed popular Weis Lake were delisted for pathogens from the 303(d) list of impaired waterways.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 155 adults participated in **consumer science and personal financial management** activities. Adults learned about budgeting, credit, saving, broadband, record keeping, and financial exploitation protection skills.

4-H and Youth Development

- 2,520 county young people participated in 4-H programming **resulting in county records set across the board**. Strong school, special interest, and community club participation fueled many special projects and activities.
- The popular Chick Chain, Pig Squeal, and Quail Habitat projects individually received **national recognition as superior youth educational programs**.