

2013 Extension Impacts in Marion 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 4.97 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Marion 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

- **65 Marion County farmers** learned how better to control weeds and manage soil fertility for more productive pastures and hayfields by attending educational meetings.
- 15 Marion County farmers attended a program on **tax issues for farm operations** conducted by an Extension farm analysis regional agent.
- 21 residents attended and participated in the **Selling Your Timber** program.

Economic and Community Development

- Farm-City activities helped spread and **celebrate agricultural awareness**.
- 140 participated in 11 broadband computer programs, **expanding their computer and Internet skills**.
- 365 senior citizens received farmers market vouchers **to purchase fresh, homegrown produce** and financially support local farmers.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 750 students visited the House of Horrible Germs learning the importance of keeping **healthy with proper hand washing**.
- 52 people learned to **eat healthier and get more active** in the Eat Healthy, Be Active community workshops.
- Dining with Diabetes helped **increase awareness of controlling diabetes** through healthy food choices and preparation.
- **206 young people** participated in the EFNEP Kids in the Kitchen and CATCH Programs.
- In Marion County, 79 completed six weeks of **nutrition education** in the EFNEP program.
- 85 third graders learned the **value of eating more fruits and vegetables**, getting more physical activity, and sleep hygiene in Body Quest: Food of the Warrior.

4-H and Youth Development

- **1,265 young people** were enrolled in the 4-H Club program during the 2013 club year.
- 46 trained TGIF teen leaders reached 288 sixth graders with the abstinence-based program **Managing Pressures Before Marriage**.
- The educational series Relationship Smarts helped 255 seventh graders **learn about healthy relationships**.
- 375 young people were educated about **ATV safety through 4-H**.