

2013 Extension Impacts in Chambers County



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The Alabama Cooperative Extension System funds 4.02 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Chambers 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 40 residents participated in a gardening workshop, which helped generate interest in **volunteers working with community gardens and in backyard gardening**.
- **Farmers made more than \$250,000** following a Beef Nutrition and Where the Market Is Going workshop and follow-up bull sale. This program will be provided again in 2014.
- More than 40 farmers attended the **Hay Baling and Weed Management Field Day** in the spring. A second field day on winter grazing was well attended.

Economic and Community Development

- More than 25 adults, including some senior citizens, attended a **computer basics series**. From the class, 2 reported that they were ready to go back into the field as confident contractors and 15 seniors felt more confident in using a computer.
- 30 residents learned about **new farms and industries** that directly affect the county economy.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- More than 36 residents participated in an **estate planning workshop**. Nine reported that they did not have a will but planned to get one drawn up.
- A bullying education workshop **helped more than 700 young people gain more awareness of bullying** and ways to handle bullying situations. This program is returning for a second year.
- 125 third graders participated in the Nutrition Education Program (NEP) Body Quest: Food of the Warrior, **using technology to learn about healthy eating**.
- 150 residents participated in the Nutrition Education Program delivered at the Department of Human Resources. **They learned to adopt and maintain a nutritious diet**.

4-H and Youth Development

- 36 young people received nutrition and physical fitness education in a fun and innovative afterschool program, a partnership of the City of Valley and the Chambers County Board of Education. Young people and parents received activities to **encourage fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity**. A fitness challenge was incorporated at the end of 12 weeks.
- **More than 1,000 young people** participated in farm city tours, field days, 4-H clubs, and enrichment programs around the county.