

2013 Extension Impacts in Covington County



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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 6.62 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Covington 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

- **To help area landowners**, Extension offers programs in recreational pond management, wildlife food plot management, and nuisance wildlife control. These programs attract 45 to 50 participants.
- 35 producers attended the yearly row crop meeting to **learn about new varieties** and other timely information for the upcoming growing season.

Economic and Community Development

- Among other projects, the Covington County Master Gardeners **design and plant the landscape** for each new Habitat for Humanity house. The new owners help with the project and learn how to maintain their yards and shrubbery.
- The Covington County Extension Office and the City of Andalusia annually sponsor **Senior Citizens Appreciation Day** at the Kiwanis Fairground. Music, dancing, and assorted competitions draw senior groups from as far away as Mobile. At least 2,000 attend each year.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Three **food preservation workshops** were conducted with 36 participants.
- 30 participated in the **Financial Education for Youth** project, and 52 individuals participated in **Money Management for Adults**.
- **Nutrition and health programs** included the following: Regional Dining for Diabetes, 190 participants; MyPlate program at the Andalusia Senior Center, 20 participants; and Eat Healthy, Be Active at the Florala Senior Center, 96 participants.

4-H and Youth Development

- **More than 600 young people** participated in 4-H activities including Babysitter Certification, Leadership Luau, Cooking Club, Horse Club, Rabbit and Poultry Club, Camping Club, several craft workshops, and local, regional, and state competitions.
- All county third, fourth, and fifth graders (approximately 900 young people) **learned about the outdoors and the environment** in our county's annual Walk in the Forest Program.