

2013 Extension Impacts in Elmore 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 8.98 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Elmore 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's Commercial Horticulture program provides research-based information and a certification program to nurseries, landscape companies, and fruit and vegetable growers, which add **\$277 million and thousands of jobs** to Elmore County.
- The regional on-farm corn variety tests showed yield differences between two varieties, resulting in an **economic difference of \$107 per acre**; soybean tests had an economic difference of **\$308 per acre**; and cotton tests, **\$203 per acre**.

Economic and Community Development

- 84 Master Gardeners contributed 10,469 volunteer hours equalling **\$188,442 to the residents** of Elmore County; 22,195 received educational horticulture information.
- 8 young people and 23 adults completed **leadership classes and projects** with more than 200 hours of service to the county.

Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- Through B.E.A.M. (Birding in Elmore, Autauga, and Montgomery Metropolis), 250 urban young people **assembled, installed, and monitored man-made nest boxes** for native songbirds.
- 200 urban young people participated in the National 4-H Council-funded Health Rocks! program **promoting healthy living**.
- The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program has helped more than 50 senior citizens **improve their range of motion** resulting in less pain and discomfort.
- Through participation in Urban SNAP-Ed, 28 young people in afterschool programs learned the importance of **making good food and nutrition choices**.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 200 inmates at Tutwiler Correctional Facility participated in a program that helped them **gain knowledge of basic budgeting**.
- 86 adults participated in the **Alabama Parent Leadership Training**.
- Relationship Smarts helped prepare 496 young people for **marriage and family life**.

4-H and Youth Development

- 800 fourth graders, 110 afterschool fourth through sixth graders, and 70 summer program 4-H'ers learned a variety of **life skills, character education, science, and art**.
- 117 teen leaders were trained to teach **Managing Pressures Before Marriage** to 810 sixth graders.