

2013 Extension Impacts in Baldwin 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 7.85 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Baldwin 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

- 20,458 volunteer hours valued at **\$368,244 were contributed** by 102 Master Gardeners through community projects, educational workshops, and the regional garden information line.
- 91 percent of the 71 landowners and foresters who attended the Baldwin County Landowner Tour plan to use information learned about **invasive plant management and prescribed burning** on 652,117 total represented acres.
- Producers from Baldwin and six other counties attended the regional sprayer rodeos, which included an educational program, demonstrations, and sprayer tip evaluations. Replacement or adjustment of sprayer tips will help producers save 5 percent total spray volume per acre, an **average of \$8,780 per participant**.

Economic and Community Development

- **78 Baldwin County shrimpers** completed the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program and received payments from the USDA for up to \$12,000.

Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- 19 senior adults in Summerdale participated in 10 weekly lessons in the Supplemental Nutrition Education Program. All indicated **reductions in the use of fat, oils, salt, and sugar**.
- Rain barrel workshops and other water conservation programs resulted in 33 rain barrels being constructed for home or garden irrigation. 50 participants pledged to adopt conservation habits for a **potential savings of 6,600 gallons of water**.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 24 farmers and 2 market managers participated in the **Enhancing the Safety of Locally Grown Produce on the Farm and at the Market** program. 78 percent committed to make improvements in hand washing facilities for workers.

4-H and Youth Development

- 13 junior and senior members from the Clean Through 4-H Archery Club had an **increase in self-esteem and self-confidence** by participating in the State 4-H Archery Championship.
- **194 environmental education** programs were presented to 5,334 students.