

2013 Extension Impacts in Fayette 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 3.62 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Fayette 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

- 285 Fayette County sixth graders and 30 adult volunteers participated in the FAWN program designed to promote **knowledge and awareness of forestry**, wildlife, and natural resources.
- 38 row crop producers attended an area crops tour where they learned to make better decisions related to **variety selection and insect control** for corn, cotton, and soybeans.

Economic and Community Development

- 125 Fayette County residents attended six programs to help them develop awareness of **broadband capabilities for rural Alabamians**.
- **16,000 pounds of hazardous waste** were collected from Fayette County residents during a Hazardous Waste Collection Day, part of an effort to help reduce illegal dump sites in Fayette County.

Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- 6 Fayette County Senior Citizens Centers serving approximately 90 people present monthly programs on various subjects such as **health and nutrition, insects, wildlife, and horticulture**.

Family and Consumer Science

- Approximately 250 Fayette County junior and senior class students and 100 adult volunteers learned about **careers and real-world budgeting** in the Career Fair/Reality Check program at Beville State Community College.
- Fayette Middle School sixth graders and parents engaged in the PROmoting School-community-university Partnerships to Enhance Resilience (PROSPER) program with Fayette Middle School seventh graders doing the STARS follow-up program. The programs are designed to **reduce risky behavior**.

4-H and Youth Development

- More than 200 Fayette County young people and adults **learned about birds of prey** at the 4-H Raptor Day Camp presented by the Coosa River Science School.
- Fayette County Extension, Fayette County 4-H, the Fayette County EMA director, and a representative of the National Weather Service presented a **Weather Awareness Program** to more than 500 students from Berry Elementary School, Hubbertville School, and Fayette Middle School.