

2013 Extension Impacts in Marengo 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 5.24 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in Marengo 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

- Regional corn, soybean, and cotton field variety tests resulted in **economic differences of \$94, \$154, and \$230 per acre**, respectively—significant information for producers.
- Extension taught small vegetable producers to install irrigation systems, **increasing production 30 to 40 percent**.

Economic and Community Development

- A partnership of Marengo County, the Economic Development Authority, and Extension earned a grant of \$250,000 for a business incubator **to help create new businesses and jobs**.
- Leadership Marengo continued into its nineteenth year **training leaders for the region**. So far, more than 400 students have graduated from this program and helped move the county forward.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 3,606 Alabama high school students including 68 from Demopolis High completed the evidence-based curriculum Relationship Smarts. Evaluations showed statistically significant **improvements in conflict management and communication skills**, financial management, and social skills with parents and peers.

4-H and Youth Development

- All county fifth graders participated in 4-H programming. All sixth graders had the opportunity to participate in TGIF (Teens Getting Involved for the Future), a **sexual abstinence program** taught by teen leaders; 180 seventh graders participated in PROSPER (PROmoting School-community-university Partnerships to Enhance Resilience), a program designed **to reduce risky behavior**.