

2013 Extension Impacts in Conecuh County



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The Alabama Cooperative Extension System funds 4.38 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Conecuh 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

- \$12,431 is the economic impact for each of the 129 participants in a one-day grazing management clinic in Conecuh County. **Total economic benefit is \$198,896.**
- 175 fifth graders learned **tree and leaf identification** at the Forestry in the Classroom/ Classroom in the Forest Field Day. 65 homeowners learned about **proper tree planting** when they picked up free trees at the Conecuh County Forestry Committee tree giveaway, and 83 in logging and related businesses learned about **chainsaw safety**.

Economic and Community Development

- **Business growth and retention** were the topics for three workshops conducted with the chamber of commerce.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Hippy Conecuh helped 48 children and families with children ages 3, 4, and 5 **prepare for success in school**. Children did well on end-of-the-year standardized tests.
- A program on Understanding the Affordable Care Act of 2010 was presented with 56.1 percent reporting that they now had a **good understanding of the act** and 36.6 percent said it would affect their business with some changes.
- Eat Healthy, Be Active helped participants improve their nutrition choices and meal planning. 75 percent of the 85 youth and adults in the Fitness, Food, and Fun course reported learning to **eat healthier and have fun getting more physical activity**.
- The ServSafe Food Safety Certification program is helping reduce food-borne illness and associated costs. 11 food service workers in Conecuh County participated and helped keep service establishments open, **generating revenue and safer food for consumers**.

4-H and Youth Development

- 29 teen leaders helped 127 sixth graders **develop skills to resist sexual activity before marriage** in the Teens Getting Involved for the Future (TGIF) program.
- 473 4-H'ers learned about baking, woodworking, terrariums, **nutrition and exercise, public speaking, and litter control** through in-school clubs.
- Extension helped 75 Conecuh County residents gain a greater **understanding of how to use broadband Internet**.