

2013 Extension Impacts in Lee 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 4.92 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in **Lee 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

- 127 Lee County cattle producers attended the Annual Hay and Forage Field Day to learn management techniques for reducing hay production cost and pasture weed control, which **helped save \$57,150 in 2013**.
- More than 200 attended three forest landowners meetings where they learned about control burning, pine straw harvesting, and alternative companion crops, result in **\$1,400,00 additional income** in the county.

Economic and Community Development

- More than 3,000 East Alabama residents participated in the first Annual Agriculture Awareness Day when farmers, local business, the Lee County Farmers Federation, and agribusiness leaders provided products and information to **increase awareness of these businesses and suppliers that support the agribusiness community**.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- More than 650 residents participated in either estate planning workshops or identity theft prevention programs. Tax savings and property loss prevention have been estimated to be **\$325,000 as a result of this effort**.
- 95 restaurants and food preparation vendors participated in the ServSafe Food Safety Certification program that ensures that more than 142,500 Lee County **consumers' food is prepared, served, and stored safely**.

4-H and Youth Development

- More than 34 4-H young people and their families participated in the new Chick Chain project, which **teaches animal husbandry, entrepreneurship, biosecurity, and economics**. Auction birds and family egg production resulted in an average of \$1,035 per participant.
- 975 Lee County young people were active in the 4-H Club program that teaches leadership skills, public speaking, forestry science, environmental stewardship, and livestock production—**skills that can last their entire lives**.