

*For Alabama Extension professionals, working knowledge isn't just a commitment, it's a passion.*

# Working Knowledge at a Glance

**One of our most ambitious efforts in 2008 involved the updating of a blueprint that has been employed throughout our nearly century-long history: helping Alabamians through difficult economic times.**

**Thriving in Challenging Times, a statewide multidisciplinary effort launched late in 2008, was developed with just this idea in mind—equipping Alabamians from all walks of life with the knowledge and skills they need to weather the current economic crisis.**

**Below are examples of additional ways that more than 800 Extension educators and professionals put knowledge to work for our diverse Alabama audiences in 2008.**

## Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs

- Drawing on his vast horticultural knowledge, an urban regional agent used plants collected from various parts of the world to provide horticultural therapy to troubled youth and to transform his city into a major botanical attraction.
- Using a grassroots outreach model developed by Alabama Extension educators a century ago, an urban agent reached hundreds of southeast Alabama diabetes sufferers with essential knowledge to manage their disease.

- Reaching some 4,800 older Alabamians since 2002, the Successful Aging Initiative continued to help spare seniors much of the emotional and financial stresses associated with aging.

## Agriculture

- Through [www.poultryhouse.com](http://www.poultryhouse.com), Extension educators continued to show poultry producers worldwide the various ways they can retrofit their production houses to promote efficiency and reduce operating costs.
- Based on his research, a regional animal science agent demonstrated how southeastern cattle producers can use insecticide-treated ear tags to protect their animals from menacing horn flies and reap substantial cost savings.
- Extension horticulture educators and Master Gardeners conducted 15 workshops across the state

to address growing consumer interest in homegrown alternatives to commercial produce.

- Two Extension agents helped Tennessee Valley row-crop producers secure a ground-based correction signal to enhance the accuracy of their precision farming applications—an effort that will likely serve as a model for other regions of the state.

## Community and Economic Development

- Extension professionals have spearheaded a series of efforts aimed at securing a congressional act recognizing the 19-county Black Belt region as a National Heritage Area, one of only 40 in the nation.

## Forestry and Natural Resources

- Two wildlife specialists held workshops to help farmers and landowners better manage feral pigs, a growing environmental menace throughout the state.
- Through the efforts of several Extension educators, Alabama led the nation in the amount of aquaculture education offered in the state's public and private grade schools.

## Family and Individual Well-Being

- Extension food safety educators developed training to ensure that Alabama-grown produce complies with federal safety requirements—an effort that will also add value to these products.
- Two agents—a forestry expert and a financial planning educator—helped farmers and foresters develop financial plans to avoid many of the serious financial risks associated with their professions.

## 4-H and Youth Development

- Operating with Alabama Department of Community and Economic Affairs funding provided through the U.S. Department of Energy, 4-H developed Maximum Power, which provided some 13,000 school-age children with knowledge and skills to help them make wise decisions about energy use.



Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities



**For more information about how Extension translates the research and knowledge of our land-grant universities into practical solutions for Alabamians, see the complete edition of *Working Knowledge*, our 2008 annual report.**

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