Education Where You Live

County Offices
Agents in all 67 county offices offer educational programs adapted to the needs and interests of local residents. Regional agents work in teams across county lines to provide specialized knowledge in a wide range of subjects.

Online Services
Our Web site at www.aces.edu offers Extension articles, publications, and blogs written by specialists and researchers, with links to additional information.

Videoconference Sites
Extension has 33 videoconference sites around the state enabling clients to participate in educational and certification programs close to home.

How Do You Tap In?
To learn how Extension can help you, to volunteer, or just to ask a question, please call us! The number is in your telephone book under your county’s listing for Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Or find us on the Web at www.aces.edu.

Our Story

1862 Congress creates the land-grant university system to make higher education more accessible to the average citizen.

1881 Booker T. Washington moves to Tuskegee and sets the stage for off-campus education.

1882 Congress creates Agricultural Experiment Stations at land-grant colleges to conduct research to improve farming methods.

1890 Congress grants land to institutions educating black citizens.

1906 The first four county demonstration agents begin working in Alabama.

1914 The Smith-Lever Act enables states to establish statewide Cooperative Extension programs.

1915 Cooperative Extension begins assisting minority farmers in nine Alabama counties, growing to serve 28 counties by 1920.

1971 A new Extension program is established at Alabama A&M University in Huntsville to serve 12 north Alabama counties.

1995 The Alabama Cooperative Extension System is created and Alabama becomes the first state to combine the Extension programs from its “1862” and “1890” land-grant universities, Auburn and Alabama A&M, into a unified statewide system, with Tuskegee University as partner.

Partners in eXtension.org — a new information resource

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More than half the citizens of Alabama live in rural areas. The health and well-being of these individuals—more than 2 million people—is often compromised by the unique challenges of living in rural communities. These include limited access to services, support, and health care. The Alabama Cooperative Extension System is dedicated to providing research-based educational programs, training, and resources that enable people to improve their quality of life and economic well-being in Alabama’s 67 counties. Extension has a proud history of helping communities and a clear vision of a healthier Alabama in the future.

**Extension Programs for Better Living**

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System has a staff of trained specialists and agents in the following program areas:

- Agriculture
- Economic and Community Development
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Forestry, Wildlife, and Natural Resources
- Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs
- 4-H and Youth Development

**Improving the Health of Families Living in Rural Alabama**

- Agromedicine Initiatives
- Cancer Prevention Education
- Chronic Disease Prevention
- Diabetes Education
- Environmental Health
- Farm Safety
- Financial Management
- Food and Nutrition Education
- Food Safety
- Healthy Homes
- Home Caregiver Training
- Leadership Development
- Obesity Initiatives
- Radon Education
- Water Quality
- Youth Development