The Alabama Cooperative Extension System funds 4.01 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in Randolph 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

- 29 people learned about goat management through a Randolph County Extension program; across the region, 250 participated in the Forage Field Day and Herd Bull Meeting.
- 400 people participated in Smart Yard and Home Grown workshops learning to extend their gardens year round and to identify pests before applying pesticides.
- 15 people participated in the Limiting Backyard Wildlife Damage program.

### Economic and Community Development

- Extension participated in the Tour East Alabama project to increase tourism and tourism dollars in the eight-county east Alabama region.
- Hometown Hospitality, a pilot customer service program, was conducted for 15.
- 19 Randolph County residents increased their knowledge of the county’s needs by participating in Leadership Randolph County.

### Family and Consumer Sciences

- 7,657 learned to make healthier food choices through the SNAP Nutrition Education Program.
- 472 third graders participated in Body Quest: Food of the Warrior learning fun ways to increase fruits and vegetables in their diet through iPad technology.
- Eat Healthy, Be Active Program is a signature statewide program designed to train participants about eating healthier and putting more activity in their everyday lives. 19 residents participated, with 12 completing the 5-week workshop.
- 21 people were trained in the ServSafe Food Safety Certification program; most were managers with the school lunch program in Randolph County Schools.
- The food safety team introduced a new program aimed at ensuring safe food and produce at farmers markets. 19 growers received certification.
- The importance of hand washing to health and safety was demonstrated with the Glo-Germ program for 87 Handley High School students.
- 584 young people participated in Reality Check, a simulation program teaching youth about budgeting, credit, and making wise financial decisions.

### 4-H and Youth Development

- 1,461 young people participated in various 4-H and Youth Development programs.
- 214 adult volunteers and teacher leaders gave their time to various programs.
- 31 youth groups participated in programs such as Classroom in the Forest/Forest in the Classroom, Skins’n Skulls, 4-H summer camp, and 4-H Innovators.