

# GARDENING EDUCATION

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**ALABAMA 4-H**  
Auburn University

## GROWING FUTURE FARMERS, GARDENERS & AN AGRICULTURALLY LITERATE COMMUNITY

Alabama 4-H engaged 19,302 youths with hands-on gardening experiences where they learned about plant propagation, growth, and development while growing healthy food for themselves, family, and the community.



Students at Monroe Academy youth work in the garden and share their produce with the local community.

**123,300**  
young people  
in Alabama 4-H

**72%**

learned firsthand about the food we consume and how it is grown

**70%**

understand the importance of agriculture and agricultural literacy

**80%**

understand that agriculture and gardening supports a healthy environment

**74%**

learn responsibility by caring for their own plants by watering from seed to harvest



Growing gourds to improve wildlife habitat and nesting opportunities for purple martins

**4H IS IN EVERY ALABAMA COUNTY**

**8,921 YOUTHS** have the opportunity to learn about gardening at the Alabama 4-H Center

**2,426 YOUTHS** participated in 4-H Grows

**1,419 YOUTHS** participated in Junior Master Gardener

**6,391 YOUTHS** participated in other gardening projects

## The Bottom Line

4-H engages youth in gardening so that they can enjoy it as a rewarding hobby or pursue a career in agriculture and learn to be environmental stewards.



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