

2025 IMPACT EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER

The Alabama Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Volunteer Program is a framework for volunteers to learn and explore the world of horticulture through research-based knowledge. Result? They develop and support educational gardening activities and expand Extension's public outreach.

Inspiring Youth Through Gardening

- **265** EMG volunteers teaching youth
- **26** school and community teaching gardens supporting hands-on learning



Expanding Home Horticulture Education

- **229** EMG volunteers engaged in Grow More, Give More and Alabama Smart Yards programs
- **72** teaching gardens maintained
- **42** community food gardens mentored

Extending Outreach Through Media

- **388** EMG volunteers creating educational content
- **422,957** non-face-to-face contacts through social and print media
- **6,906** volunteer outreach hours dedicated to media-based education

Strengthening the EMG Program

- **81,138** volunteer hours dedicated to training, fundraising, and organizational support



Growing and Giving Back

- **19,600** pounds of fresh produce donated, which is equivalent to **78,400** half-cup servings of fresh produce
- **12,385** vegetable and ornamental plants donated to charities and fundraisers
- **\$154,600** in other donations contributed to community projects

Reaching the Public

- **322,526** total public contacts through face-to-face educational projects
- **93,198** volunteer outreach hours
- **\$3.24** million in volunteer service value



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