



AGRICULTURE

ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS (AAES)

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OVERVIEW

AAES is a research arm of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences and the Colleges of: Agriculture, Human Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, and Science and Mathematics at Auburn University. It conducts research at its 14 experiment stations around the state in order to foster economic growth and natural resource management for rural Alabama by making information available through Alabama's Land and Water Resources Information Center. Founded in 1883, AAES is one of the oldest agricultural experiment programs in the nation.

ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS HOMEPAGE

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OVERVIEW

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts hundreds of surveys every year and prepares reports covering virtually every aspect of U.S. agriculture including: production and supplies of food and fiber, prices paid and received by farmers, farm labor and wages, farm finances, chemical use, and changes in the demographics of U.S. producers.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

NASS is committed to providing timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. To uphold its commitment NASS will continue to:

- Report the facts on American agriculture, that are needed by people working in and depending upon U.S. agriculture
- Provide objective and unbiased statistics on a predetermined schedule that is fair and impartial to all market participants
- Conduct the Census of Agriculture (the only source of consistent, comparable, and detailed agricultural data for every county in America) every five years
- Serve the needs of NASS data users and customers at a local level through its network of state field offices and its cooperative relationship with universities and State Departments of Agriculture
- Safeguard the privacy of farmers, ranchers, and other data providers; and uphold its guarantee to keep data security and confidentiality a top priority

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MISSION

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the primary outreach organization for the land-grant mission of Auburn and Alabama A&M Universities, delivers research-based educational programs that enable people to improve their quality of life and economic well-being.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Alabama Cooperative Extension Program helps local businesses and industries thrive in an increasingly competitive global economy by:

- Direct technical education
- Working with public and private partners to create favorable climates for business development
- Active participation on the Alabama Agribusiness Council
- A partnership with the Auburn University College of Engineering to help small-scale manufacturers solve technical problems
- Helping hundreds of restaurant and small-scale food processing operations comply with state and federal health regulation.
- Conducting a professional logger certification program that is vital to Alabama timber industry.
- A partnership with Auburn University Outreach (ECDI) to promote the continuous improvements of economic and community development policy and practice.

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES

* Information Available under “State Government Entities” on pages 7-8.

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MISSION

ALFA's mission is to promote the economic, social and educational interests of rural Alabamians.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

A few of the benefits available to members of Alfa include:

- Alfa Insurance
- Group Rate Health Coverage
- Alfa Dental
- Alfa Realty
- Regions Mortgage
- H&R Block
- Discounts from: Amerigas, Alabama Adventurs, Newman Dailey Resorts, Sherwin-Williams, numerous hotels, as well as many other establishments.

ALABAMA'S FARMERS MARKET AUTHORITY

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OVERVIEW

The Farmers Market Authority (FMA) is a state agency established to assist in the marketing of agricultural products by providing the information, leadership, and modern facilities necessary to move agricultural products from the farm to the consumer.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Promote direct marketing avenues for Alabama agricultural products
- Advocate for the interest and respond to the needs of farmers markets and direct market farmers
- Educate farmers and consumers about the benefits of direct marketing and the importance of supporting local agriculture and their communities

AL SMALL FARM RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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PURPOSE

The Alabama Small Farm Rural Economic Development Center provides technical assistance to small farmers and their families, in the areas of farm plans, loans, housing and youth entrepreneurship. In addition, through their economic development activities, they support rural business with business plans, feasibility studies and access to resources, both technical and financial.