Alabama Farmers Federation members are organized through 67 independent county Farmers Federations. Each county elects delegates to represent them at the Federation's annual meeting, where the organization's policies and positions on state and national issues are developed. Farmers representing every commodity produced in Alabama serve on committees that set priorities for research and develop educational programs for producers.

The Choctaw County Farmer's Federation membership is an integral part of the county. The membership is made up of farmers, schoolteachers, small business owners, ministers, parents and community leaders. Together, they provide food, clothing and shelter for a growing world. Farmers work hard to protect the environment and preserve natural resources. The membership serves as an advocate for agriculture, family values and good government to improve life for all its residents.

Choctaw County Farmers Federation leaders are involved in many community activities and projects to promote agriculture and educate students on how agriculture affects their lives. The county Women's Leadership Committee sponsors Farm-City contests to promote agriculture by teaching children the connection between the farm and the city.

Another project Federation leaders are involved with is Southern Choctaw High School FFA AgDay. AgDay is held each year for 5th- and 6th-grade students to teach them about poultry, catfish, row crops, forestry, wildlife, tractor safety, soil conservation and water quality. A petting zoo offers an opportunity for them to learn about farm animals and taking care of them.

Another organization Choctaw County Federation leaders are involved with is 4-H. Classroom in the Forest is offered to 6th-grade students to teach about the value of the forest and share job opportunities the industry provides. Federation leaders also are active in Relay for Life, Ronald McDonald House, volunteer fire departments, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations in the county.
Forestry & Agriculture: Big Economic Impact On Choctaw County

Of the 584,646 acres of land in Choctaw County, 522,916 acres are timberland and 54,912 acres are farmland. Here’s what a recent study by Auburn University revealed about the economic impact agriculture has on Choctaw County.

• $44.8 million is generated through the county’s agricultural and forestry production sectors, providing 5,759 full and part-time jobs.

• Poultry is the largest agricultural commodity, contributing $12.4 million and 87 full- and part-time jobs.

• Wildlife is a large income producer for Choctaw County and many other areas of the state. Wildlife is a $2.4 billion industry in Alabama. Choctaw County has numerous hunting facilities, attracting hunters from throughout the Southeast.

• Cattle is the second-largest commodity in the county, contributing $2.2 million and 47 jobs to the county’s economy.
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