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CLAY COUNTY

FARMERS FEDERATION



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The Clay County Farmers Federation is a membership organization built by farmers as an advocate for agriculture, family values and good government to improve life for all residents.

The Federation supports Clay County's \$65.6 million agriculture and forestry industries through youth programs, farmer workshops, education and promotion. These efforts help strengthen the county's farm community, which generates many jobs and provides healthy, local food for Clay County families.

Federation members enjoy dozens of benefits including access to great rates and personal

service from hometown Alfa agents.

The Clay County Farmers Federation encourages development of agriculture's next generation through the **Young Farmers Program**. Farmers ages 17-35 in the county make up the group. Throughout the year, Young Farmers can participate in several events. Plans are underway for a Farm Day at local elementary schools to showcase farm events and demonstrations.

The main focus of Young Farmers in Clay County is to grow membership within the organization and educate the community on the importance of agriculture and how it affects daily life.

Education is important to the Farmers Federation. The Alfa Foundation Scholarship program helped cover the cost of college and technical school



The Clay County Farmers Federation promotes conservation and environmental stewardship by providing outdoor educational opportunities for area students through farm tours.

tuition for 50 outstanding students. High school seniors and post-secondary undergraduates enrolled or planning to enroll in a two- or four-year college, university or technical school in Alabama were encouraged to apply.

Fifty \$1,000 scholarships are awarded statewide to Federation members.

Details for the 2015 scholarship program will be announced next year. Contact an Alfa Insurance Agent or call 1-800-964-2352 to join or apply on line at AlfaIns.com when the 2015 program is announced.

The Federation Women's Leadership program provides an opportunity for women to participate in the policy making and policy execution activities of the Alabama Farmers Federation.

Recognizing those activities particularly suited to the talents of women, Farmers Federation women are encouraged to have a major part in the overall Farmers Federation program.

The Clay County Farmers Federation Women's Leadership Committee participates in several projects. Those include supporting the Ronald McDonald House, Ag in the Classroom, Farm-City Week and the Federation's Heritage Cooking Contest.

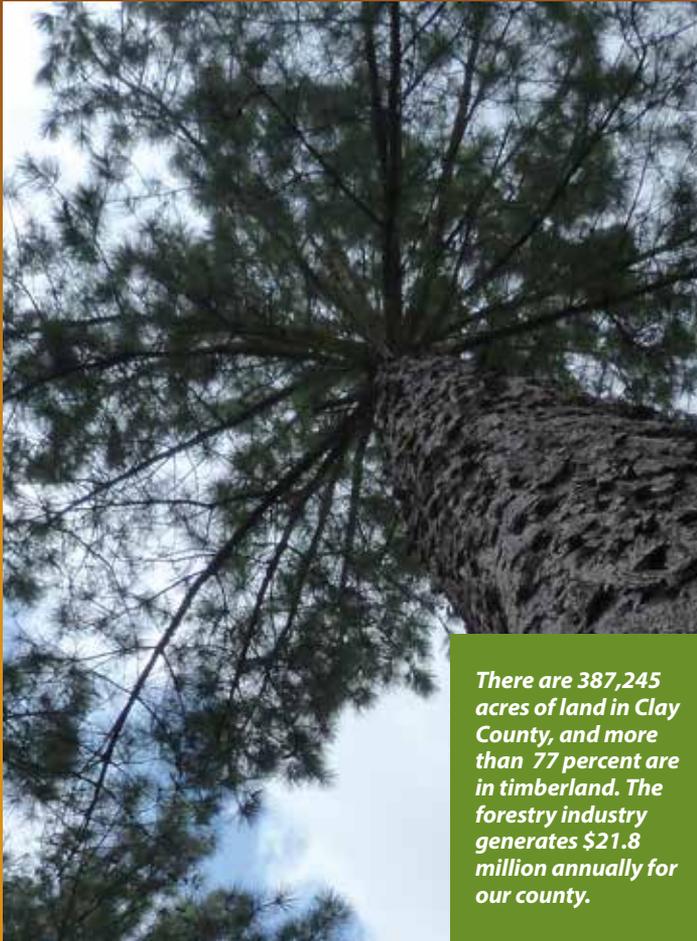
Committee members also host a display at Heritage Day in Lineville where agricultural-related materials are distributed. The committee participates in workshops, seminars, conferences and regional meetings.



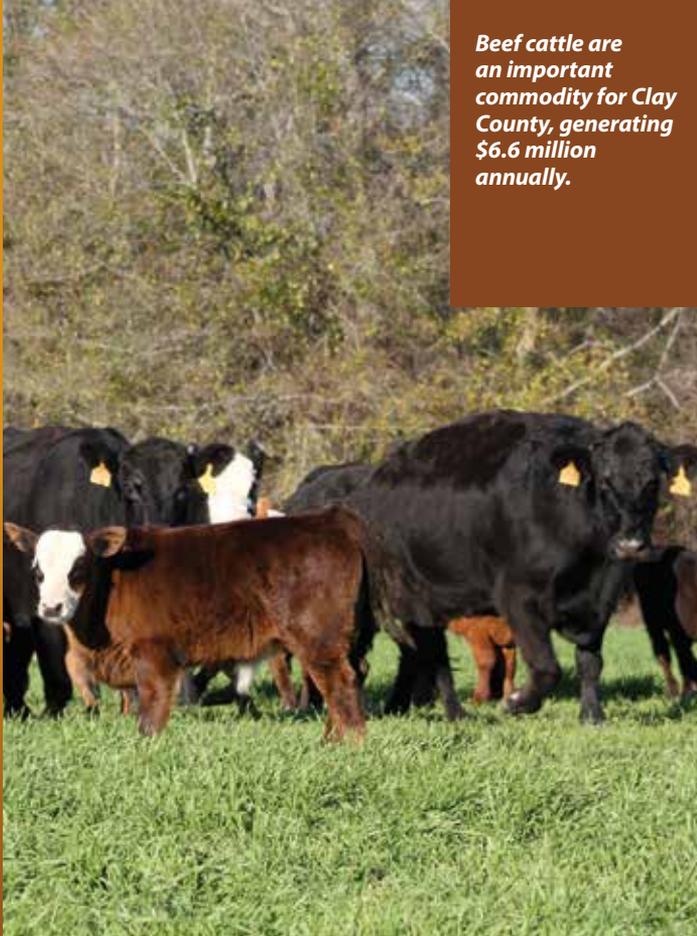
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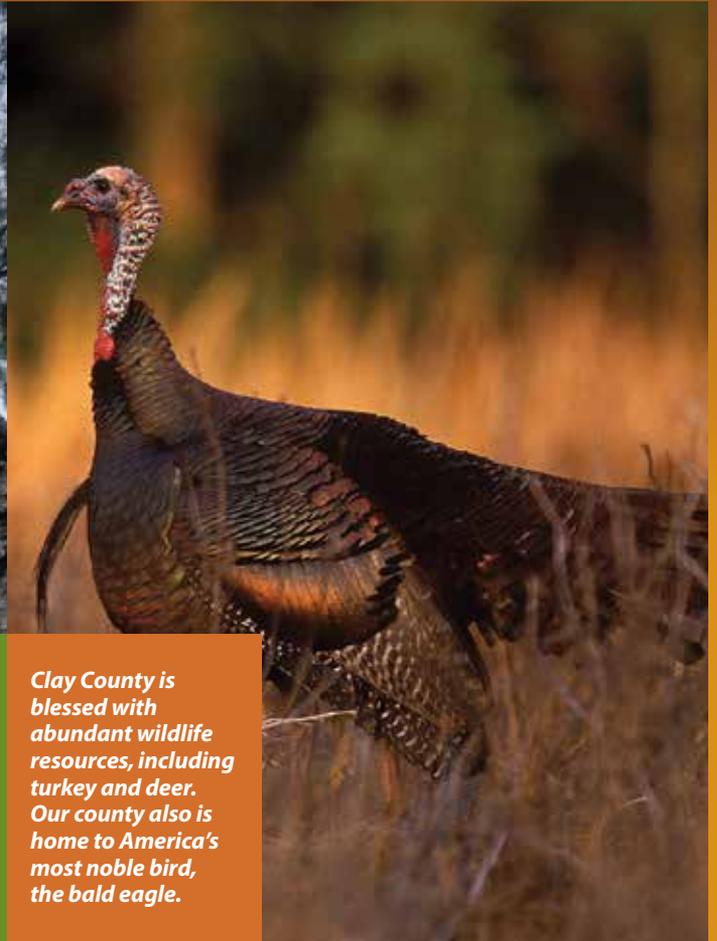
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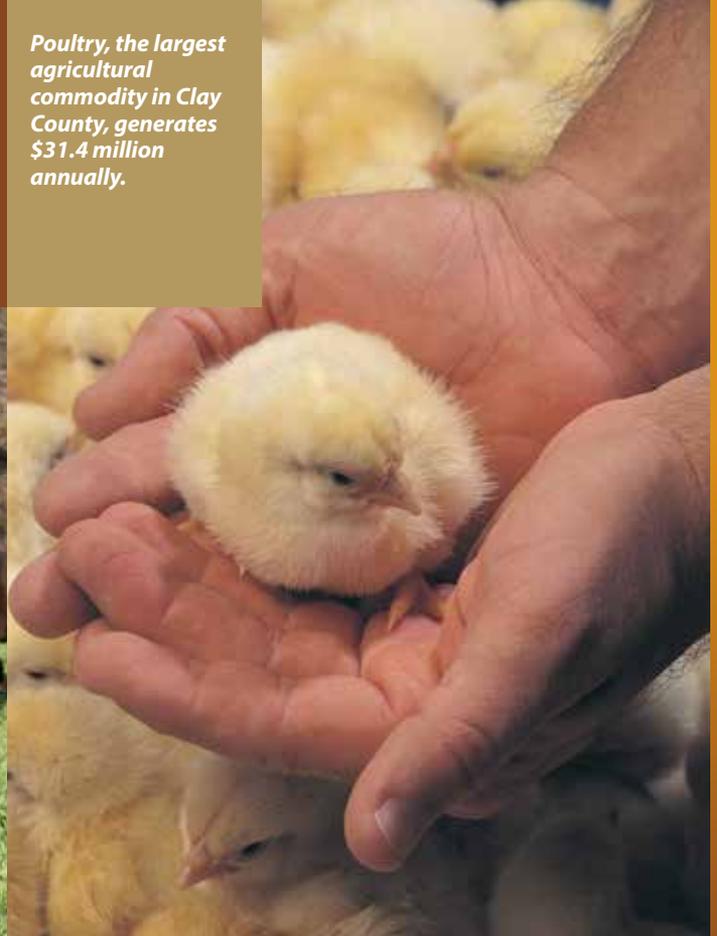
There are 387,245 acres of land in Clay County, and more than 77 percent are in timberland. The forestry industry generates \$21.8 million annually for our county.



Beef cattle are an important commodity for Clay County, generating \$6.6 million annually.



Clay County is blessed with abundant wildlife resources, including turkey and deer. Our county also is home to America's most noble bird, the bald eagle.



Poultry, the largest agricultural commodity in Clay County, generates \$31.4 million annually.

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Everyday Extras is a discount program already saving money for thousands of Alabama Farmers Federation families. With more than 185,000 retailers nationwide, members have plenty of opportunities to save. Registration for the program is easy and just requires a member number* and some basic information.



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Federation leaders are eager to help their neighbors in times of need. Following a tornado that struck Clay County, Federation members showed up with chainsaws and volunteered to help clear debris in the storm area.

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