The Houston County Farmers Federation is a membership organization dedicated to improving the way of life for communities in Houston County. Each year, the Federation sponsors activities for area youth through the FFA and ag programs in schools, as well as workshops for area farmers.

The Federation supports the local community by being a member of the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and Landmark Park.

The Houston County Farmers Federation is a major sponsor of the Spring Farm Day at Landmark Park in Dothan where students have the opportunity to experience life on a farm of long ago. With soap-making, horseshoeing, peanut stacks and an old general store, the farm of the early 20th century comes to life at this event.

The annual Farm-to-Table event in the fall with the Houston County Farmers Federation Women’s Leadership Committee is another popular event. Local farmers provided produce and meat for the event which are then prepared by local chef Kelsey Bernard. Long tables near the barn provide a cozy outdoor setting that encourages guests to eat locally-produced food.

The Federation supports educating young people and, through that effort, presents two Auburn University scholarships to area students majoring in agriculture.

The Houston County Farmers Federation has more than 9,000 members, including farm and non-farm members.

In addition to supporting conservative values and farmers, Federation membership includes numerous discounts on automobiles, restaurants, hotels, entertainment and other benefits. For details, visit AlfaFarmers.org.

Peanuts are the largest commodity produced in the county, with a $26.6 million economic impact.

Houston County Young Farmers member Serah Hall feeds cattle on her farm near Ashford.

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Members Receive Discounted Admission To Peanut Festival

The Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance have been involved with the National Peanut Festival for many years, offering a night of fun where members receive discounted admission along with exclusive giveaways.

This year, be sure to attend Alfa Member Nights on Monday, Nov. 3, and Tuesday, Nov. 4, and save on the admission price. Show proof of membership and receive $2 off the price of admission. Stop by the Farmers Federation display, and visit with Alfa Insurance agents and Federation leaders, and get to know the organization as we show appreciation to valued members. For more member benefit information, visit AlfaFarmers.org.

Houston County Farm-City Program Honored

The Houston County Farmers Federation is a proud sponsor of the Houston County Farm-City program. Many area businesses also help sponsor annual events organized by the Farm-City Committee. This year, the group was named the Division I Best Farm-City Committee Runner-up at the Alabama Farm-City Awards Luncheon, April 3 in Birmingham. The committee also received Best Media Coverage/Proclamation Award and the Target Award, given to a committee that best addresses the event theme. This year’s theme was “Alabama Agriculture: Growing For You and Me”. Division I includes counties with a population of more than 35,000. Houston County Farm-City Chairman Adair Gilbert, Ph.D., left, accepts an award from Alabama Farm-City Chairman Jeff Helms.

Love Of Farming Is Family Heritage In Houston County

Third-generation farmer and Houston County Farmers Federation secretary Sammy Roney has passed down his love of farming to his 31-year-old son, Josh.

The Roney Farm, near Cottonwood, is known for growing cotton, even though many farmers stopped growing that crop in the 1970s. In addition to helping with cotton, Josh is working to increase the family’s cattle herd.

Peanuts are king in Houston County. A recent survey by Auburn University shows peanuts are the county’s top commodity and has an annual economic impact of $26.6 million. But cotton is an important crop here, too. Its is the second-largest commodity with an annual impact of $20.6 million. Forestry ranks third at $15.6 million, followed by poultry and eggs at $13.6 million.
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