Lee County Farmers Federation
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It all started in the 1930s when rural folks needed help – water, electric power and insurance for their homes, farms and equipment.

The Lee County Farmers Federation was community-driven in its inception and it continues today. It is an independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization with members representing rural and urban people alike.

The Lee County Farmers Federation partners with local, state and national entities to promote a better life for all Lee Countians.

Events include Farm-City, Ag Days, Ag in the Classroom, participation in Auburn University’s “Taste of Alabama”, scholarships, East Alabama Crop Tours and an annual Washington, D.C. trip to discuss agricultural policy with elected officials.

The Young Farmers and Women’s Leadership committees work in many areas such as education, food and farm safety and promotion.

Our History

Lee County Farmers Federation President Mahlon Richburg helps a young lady with her calf at the Southeastern Livestock Exposition Junior Beef Expo in March.

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The Farmers Federation Women’s Leadership Program provides opportunities for women to join and have a voice in Alabama Farmers Federation activities. The county Women’s Leadership Committee meets several times a year to set goals that promote farm commodities. Community projects and activities include volunteering at the local food bank; Big House Foundation; Ag in the Classroom; legislative support; and sewing, cooking and tablescapes contests. As farm ladies, the group enjoys supporting and making the community a better place to live. Membership is open to any female member of the Alabama Farmers Federation. Contact Jamie Lazenby for more information.

Much like the county itself, the Lee County Young Farmers (LCYF) is a diverse group of young men and women. Its goal is to educate the surrounding communities on the impact agriculture has on the local economy and the lives of county residents. Through ag fairs, food drives and educational events, LCYF members actively share their backgrounds and stories of farmers here at home.

The LCYF Committee has grown exponentially over the last five years. Because young professionals seem to have an affinity to Lee County, members come from a wide spectrum. We are represented by professions from farmers to teachers, Extension agents to sales representatives, and Auburn University faculty and students. Not all committee members grew up farming or farm today. However, they all share a passion for agriculture, getting the story of ag to the community and sustaining farming for future generations.

For information contact Daniel Mullenix. Follow on Facebook at Lee County Young Farmers or on Twitter @YFLEECo.
Born in 1925, Tom Ingram has been a cotton farmer for nearly 70 years. A native of Marvyn, known by some as Ingramtown, Ingram grew up on the farm. He entered the Army at the young age of 18 in 1944. He saw action in World War II like most people never want to see. Ingram was part of the famous Battle of the Bulge, one of the bloodiest battles in history. After the war, he came back to the Ingram cotton farm as a decorated war hero. He assisted in changing and improving production practices on the farm throughout his career. Through his innovations in row-till and no-till practices, soil has been saved and improved throughout the Southeast. Ingram has received numerous awards and commendations for his tireless efforts to improve agriculture. He is a true patriot, brilliant agriculturalist and Southern gentleman.

Lee County Agriculture

- Generates over 10,000 jobs, 16.7% of the county’s workforce
- Total impact is $815 million, 11.2% of county’s total economic activity
- Forestry and forest products encompass more acreage in Lee County than any other commodity
- Crops grown include cotton, soybeans, peanuts, corn, hay, nursery and greenhouse crops and produce vegetables
- Livestock animals raised include cattle, sheep, goats, and horses

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