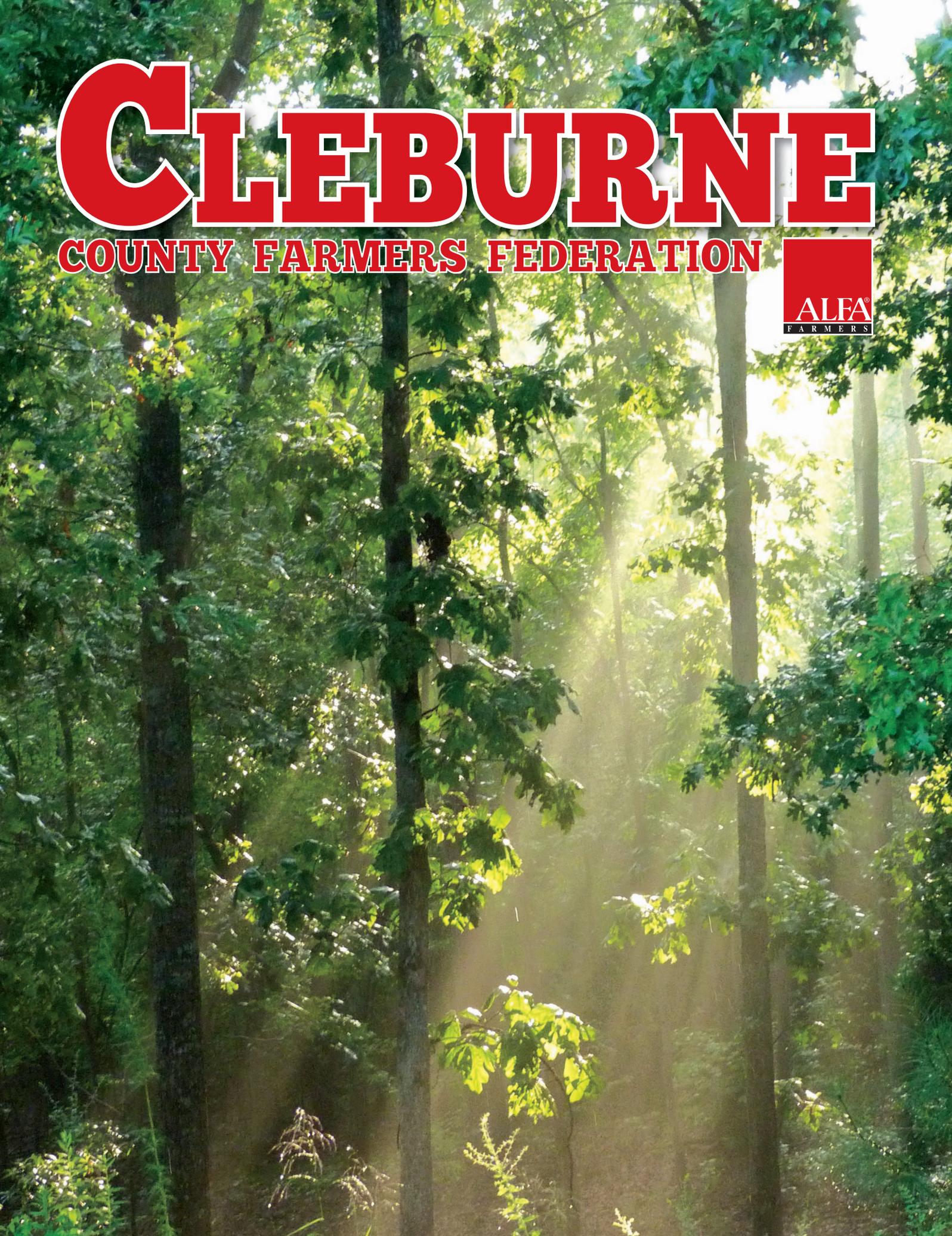


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COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION



Cleburne County Farmers Federation

The Cleburne 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 Cleburne County's agriculture and forestry industries through youth programs, farmer workshops, education and promotion.

The organization encourages development of agriculture's next generation through the **Young Farmers Program**. Farmers ages 17-35 in the county make up the group. The Young Farmers help grow membership in the organization and educate others about agriculture.

Education is important to the Farmers Federation. The Alfa Foundation Scholarship program helped cover the cost of college and technical school tuition for 100 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.

One-hundred \$1,000 scholarships are awarded statewide to Federation members. Details for the 2016 scholarship program will be announced next year. Contact an Alfa Insurance Agent or call 1-800-964-2352 for information.

The county Federation also contributes to the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation Scholarship program. The Foundation and county organizations contribute to the \$1,750 scholarship available to students seeking agricultural careers. Abby Ledbetter, an Auburn University student from Heflin, received this year's scholarship.

The Cleburne County Women's Leadership program provides opportunities for women to participate in policy making and policy execution activities. Other activities include supporting the Ronald McDonald House, Ag in the Classroom, book donations, Classroom in the Forest, Farm-City Week and the Federation's Heritage Cooking Contest. Committee members also collect food for local needy families, and each spring, the committee hosts Farm Day for fourth-graders in the county. Students view farm equipment and demonstrations along with programs on how to use equipment safely.



The Cleburne County Farmers Federation promotes conservation and environmental stewardship by providing outdoor educational opportunities for area students, including Classroom in the Forest (CIF). CIF is a partnership with the Alabama TREASURE Forest Association to communicate the role private landowners play in benefiting Alabama's environment and economy.

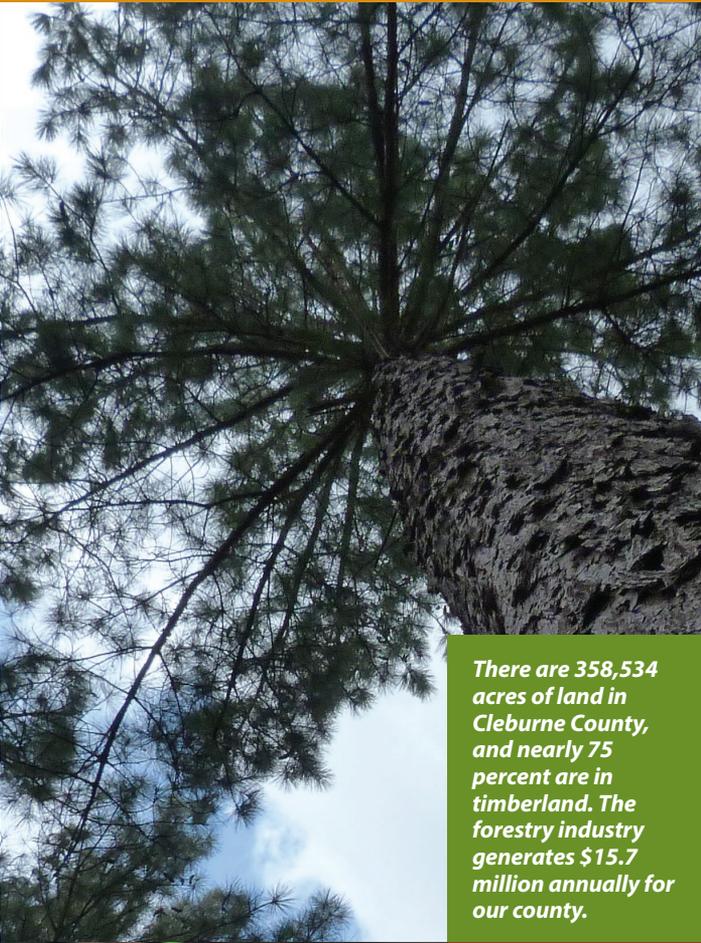


Auburn University student and scholarship recipient Abby Ledbetter of Heflin, center, with Alabama Farmers Federation President Jimmy Parnell, left, and former Cleburne County Farmers Federation President Mike Harris at the Aug. 22 scholarship luncheon in Auburn.

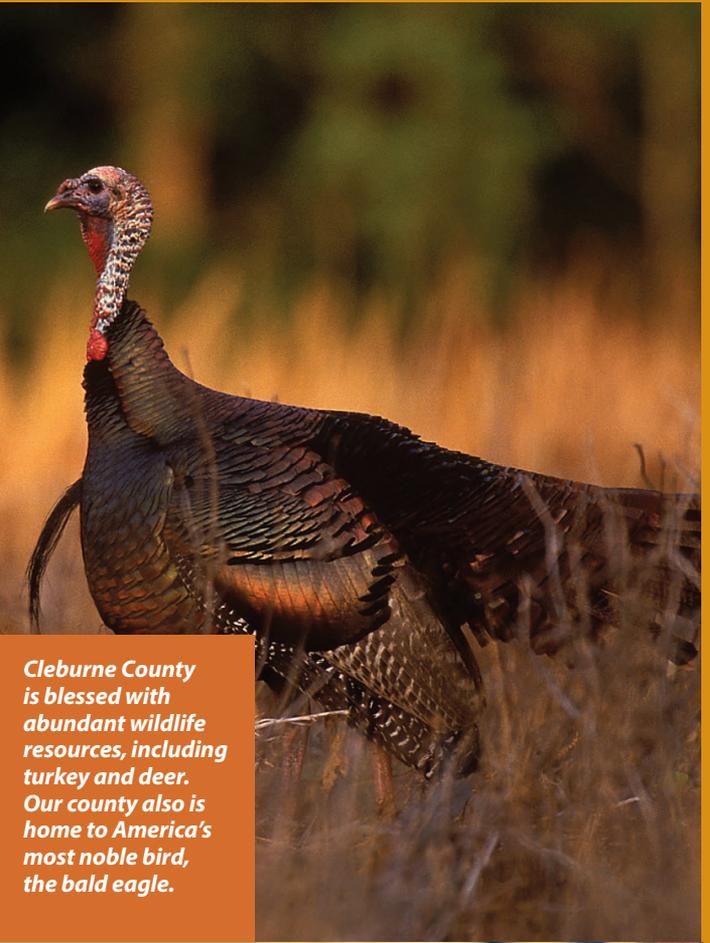
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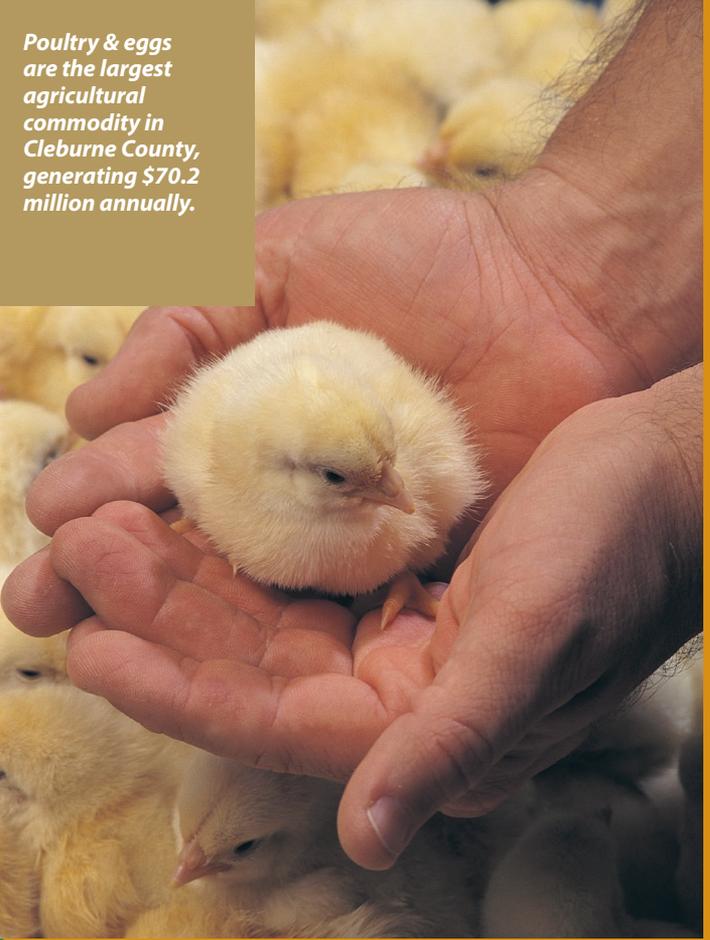
There are 358,534 acres of land in Cleburne County, and nearly 75 percent are in timberland. The forestry industry generates \$15.7 million annually for our county.



Cleburne 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.



Beef cattle are an important commodity for Cleburne County, generating \$4.4 million annually.



Poultry & eggs are the largest agricultural commodity in Cleburne County, generating \$70.2 million annually.

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Retiring Agent Mark Vise and his wife, Janice, with their grandsons, Anderson Jacks, (top right) and Ian McGowan.

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