The Marengo County Farmers Federation (MCFF) is a membership organization built by farmers as an advocate for agriculture, family values and good government to improve life for all Alabamians.

MCFF is among 67 counties organized through the Alabama Farmers Federation. Each county elects delegates to represent it at the Federation's annual meeting, where the organization's policies and positions on state and national issues are developed. This grassroots leadership sets the Farmers Federation apart from other organizations.

MCFF supports agriculture and forestry industries within our county by helping fund local 4-H clubs, implementing programs and developing future leaders by encouraging our youth.

Farmers representing Marengo County work with other farmers throughout the state to help set priorities for research and develop educational programs for producers.

Marengo County’s agricultural, forestry and related industries generate 6,891 full- and part-time jobs, representing 63.6 percent of the county’s total workforce.

The total impact of agriculture, forestry and related industries is $1 billion, which is 77.6 percent of the county’s total economic activity ($1.3 billion), according to the latest state statistics.

Timberland covers 75.4 percent of the surface land area of Marengo County. Total forestry production contributes 36.7 percent of the county’s total agricultural and forestry production and has an economic impact of $34.2 million annually.

There are 555 farms in the county. Cattle is the largest agricultural commodity, followed by catfish and cotton.

There are 625,306 acres of land in Marengo County, with 471,564 of those in timber and 178,155 in farmland.

**Marengo County Farmers Federation Awards Scholarships**

**2014-2015 Recipients**

Chandler Stuedeman - Auburn University  
James Glass - Auburn University  
Breanna Harris - Alabama A&M

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Joe (Jody) Rankin  
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**Outstanding Service**

Marengo County Farmers Federation Secretary-Treasurer W.G. (Billy) Rentz of the Campground Community, right, has served the county Farmers Federation for more than 55 years, including 10 as president and the remainder as secretary-treasurer. He is pictured with Marengo County Farmers Federation President Meador Jones of Demopolis.
County Student Receives Scholarship

Alabama Farmers Federation staff presented a scholarship to Thomaston native Breanna Harris, a senior food science major at Alabama A&M University, earlier this year. The $1,750 scholarship was funded by the Marengo County Farmers Federation and the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation. From left are College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences Dean Dr. Lloyd Walker; Harris; Federation Area 6 Organization Director Wallace Drury; former Federation Area 1 Organization Director Josh Melson; and Federation Organization Department Director Mike Tidwell.

ChiLLy Fest

Marengo County Farmers Federation President Meador Jones, left, and board member Scott Johnson, right, salivate at the sight of chili stirred by Tyler Windham at the ChiLLy Fest in Linden in December. The city-wide event, sponsored in part by the county Federation, has earned numerous media honors as a top tourism event.

Firefighters Donations

The Marengo County Farmers Federation donated $15,000 to 13 volunteer fire departments and fire and rescue squads in the county. President Meador Jones, right, is pictured with Denise Duke of the Marengo County Rescue Squad.
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