Annual Report

Women Serving The Community

Young Farmers Sustaining Agriculture

Local Member Benefits
The Limestone County Farmers Federation (LCFF) is committed to advancing agriculture while helping the local community. Farmer Jeff Peek serves as county president.

In the last year, LCFF donated over $20,000 to community groups that serve Limestone County including FFA and FCCLA chapters, college scholarship programs, Alabama Veterans Museum, Ronald McDonald House, Limestone County Farm-City, Piney Chapel Tractor Show, Water Festival programs and cookoffs.

Under the direction of Limestone County Farm-City Chairman Chris Becker, LCFF members helped organize the county’s Farm Safety Day for elementary school students.

Members also advocated for agriculture during the Alabama Farmers Federation’s Washington Legislative Conference March 5-8 in Washington, D.C.

2018-2019 Achievements

- LCFF received the Award of Excellence from the Alabama Farmers Federation. See photo 1.
- Jerry Newby received the Alabama Farmers Federation’s Senior Leader Award. See photo 4.
- Four members serve on state commodity committees. See next page.

Limestone County Women’s Leadership Committee

Limestone County Women’s Leadership Committee members help create and execute Alabama Farmers Federation policies through conferences and meetings.

The committee, chaired by Patty Marsh, acts as a liaison between the county board and local Federation members. The group hosts annual cooking and quilting contests and sponsors prizes for the Farm-City poster contest. Visit a local Alfa office to learn how to get involved.

2018-19 Contributions

- Donated pop tabs and over 500 bottles of water to the Ronald McDonald House
- Advocated for sun safety and safe driving by placing brochures in local businesses
- Donated children’s books and coloring books to local schools
- Distributed Ag in the Classroom activity boxes in the county
- Volunteered at 4-H Roundup and local food banks
- Donated to the Limestone County Groundwater Festival
- Sponsored a nursing home resident
- Donated Jack Deloney prints to the Limestone Hospice
- Judged local FFA competitions

From left are County Cooking Contest participants Ashley Newby, Jenny Usery, Patty Marsh and Donnis Looney.

Members Janice King and Jenny Usery drop off food donations to a local food bank.

Kay Peek, Tracey Hodges and Amanda Hobbs helped celebrate National Peanut Month in March.
The Limestone County Farmers Young Farmers helps young farmers develop leadership skills and learn new techniques to improve their farms. Brady Peek serves as committee chair, and Austin White is vice chair.

Members serve the community by volunteering at the local Farm-City Farm Safety Day, the Athens Lion’s Club Kiddie Carnival and the Alabama Veterans Museum. The group held a 2018 Christmas toy drive and hosted the county’s fourth annual FFA Discussion Meet. Visit a local Alfa office to find out how you can get involved.

2018-2019 Accomplishments

• County Chairman Brady Peek, who serves on the State Young Farmers Committee, made the Top 4 in the State Discussion Meet.
• Tyler Sandlin graduated from the A.L.F.A. Leaders program. See photo 3 at right.
• Samantha Carpenter won the State Excellence in Agriculture contest and represented Alabama at the national level. She also graduated from A.L.F.A. Leaders, representing Madison County.
• Ben Maples won the State Hay & Forage Spokesperson Contest and competed on the national level. See photo 4.
• Ashlyn Ruf showed the Supreme Grand Champion Heifer and 4th Overall Heifer at the Junior Beef Expo. She also won Senior Division Showmanship. See photo 2.

Local Farmers Advocate For Agriculture At State Level

Four Limestone County farmers give of their time to serve agriculture by sitting on state commodity committees.

Beekeeper Lionel Evans of Athens is chairman of the State Bee & Honey Committee. He’s in his second year of his second term.

Also of Athens, Matt Haney sits on the State Cotton Committee. He is in the second year of his first three-year term.

Elkmont’s Jessie Hobbs is in his fifth year serving on the State Soybean Committee. He is also the Limestone County Farmers Federation vice president.

Ben Looney, who farms in Athens, was elected to his first term on the State Wheat & Feed Grain Committee in February 2019.

Farmers from across the state serve on 17 commodity committees or boards maintained by the Alabama Farmers Federation. Committee members work to improve agriculture by helping create Federation policies related to their respective commodities and funding research, promotion and education. Members are limited to serving three consecutive three-year terms.
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