

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Alabama Farm Center

In September, the Alabama Farmers Federation and AFAF announced plans to begin due diligence on a site selected for the Alabama Farm Center at iconic Hallmark Farm in north Jefferson County. The Federation entered into a real estate contract with Hallmark Farm Cooperative District to purchase the 500-acre property, located along I-65 in Warrior. The contract allows the organization to take next steps regarding due diligence and fundraising for the proposed project. The Federation has identified potential sources for about 70% of the \$158 million budget needed to complete the project. Those plans call for an indoor livestock arena, covered outdoor arena, two livestock barns and an exhibit hall. AFAF board members, Federation leaders and other officials attended a BBQ luncheon celebrating the site selection.



Young Farmers Raise Funds for Foundation

Fundraisers for AFAF included a live auction at the Alabama Farmers Federation Young Farmers Conference, which raised over \$23,000, and the State Young Farmers Committee Golf Tournament, which netted over \$10,000. Other fundraisers included the Skeet Shoot and Annual Meeting Silent Auction.



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OUR MISSION

"To support and advance agriculture in the state of Alabama through education and research; increase awareness of agriculture in Alabama through public programs and activities; improve and expand agricultural services and products for the benefit of all citizens and to establish and maintain high standards in agriculture."



**Support ag education.
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INCOME STATEMENT

Income	
Ag in the Classroom	\$222,234.36
Ag Tag Revenue	331,230.88
Alabama Jr. Livestock Expo	127,701.74
Alabama Rural Economic Center (Farm Center) Donation	200,000.00
Down to Earth	1,485.00
Event Fundraising	137,734.03
Interest Income	95,268.03
Realized Gain	16,675.67
Scholarships	61,500.00
Sunbelt Spotlight State	63,500.00
Unrealized Gain	45,681.34
Unrestricted Contributions	189,388.75
Total Income	\$1,492,399.80
Operating Expenses	
Ag in the Classroom	\$179,601.69
Ag Tag Advertising	1,800.00
Alabama Jr. Livestock Expo	187,291.50
Alabama Rural Economic Center (Farm Center)	346,646.11
Contributions	14,900.00
Down to Earth	6,728.50
Event Fundraising	66,064.56
Investment Fees	8,218.22
Legal & Audit Fees	2,700.00
Miscellaneous Expense	8,667.14
Scholarship Expense	79,669.89
Sponsorship Expense	126,381.28
Sunbelt Spotlight State	47,031.25
Youth Leadership Conference	13,616.93
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,089,317.07
Net Income	403,082.73
Total Assets	\$3,879,408.07



The Alabama Jr. Livestock Expo was expanded in 2023 with the addition of a Dairy Show. Mason Patterson of St. Clair County exhibited the Senior Grand Champion.

IN MEMORIAM

Honoring Alabama Farmers Federation leaders we lost, with prayers of healing and strength for their loved ones.

James "Doug" Balkcom
1940-2023, Dale County

William "Mike" Boswell
1949-2023, Russell County

Allen Bragg
1939-2023, Madison County

James William Bray
1936-2023, Franklin County

William "Bill" Collier
1954-2023, Lee County

Earl Culpepper
1933-2023, Dale County

Wayne Davis
1937-2023, Elmore County

Dr. John French
1930-2023, Lee County

Donnie Garrett
1951-2022, Cherokee County

Sammy Gibbs
1962-2023, Escambia County

Rita Glenn
1936-2023, Lawrence County

Mildred Grimes
1920-2023, Marshall County

Richard Guthrie
1941-2023, Lee County

Jimmie Harrison
1939-2022, Chilton County

Charles "Mike" Hines
1955-2023, Coffee County

Harold Loyd Jordan
1928-2023, Coffee County

Shawn Keel
1986-2023, Calhoun County

Jimmy Norred
1936-2023, Talladega County

Marlon "Marge" Pounders
1938-2023, Franklin County

Charlene Powell
1965-2023, Butler County

John Melvin Sandy
1935-2023, Lauderdale County

Gregory Schrand
1933-2023, Coffee County

James "Jimmy" Shaver
1941-2023, Pike County

James "Billy" Smith
1938-2023, Escambia County

William "Rick" Smith
1962-2022, St. Clair County

Bob Spears
1929-2023, Sumter County

Thed Spree
1947-2022, Greene County

Homer Tate
1928-2023, Madison County

Ted Donald Tyus
1934-2023, Autauga County

John "Jack" Vandiver
1934-2022, Madison County

Roger Walters
1935-2023, Etowah County

Bob Whittenburg
1938-2023, Lee County

Milton "Buzz" Wendland
1932-2023, Autauga County

AFAF CONTRIBUTIONS & SPONSORSHIPS

Across the Top Heifer Show
AGR Christmas Classic
Alabama 4-H Foundation
Alabama Agribusiness Council
Alabama Association of Conservation Districts
Alabama Association of County Agricultural Agents & Specialists
Alabama Association of Extension 4-H Agents
Alabama Beekeepers Association
Alabama Farm Credit – Together We Grow Foundation
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Alabama Junior Cattlemen's Association Roundup
Alabama Junior Rodeo Association
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Alabama Turfgrass Association
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Auburn University Horse U and Beef U

Auburn University Rittenour & Duncan Awards
Brooklyn FFA Chapter Ag Tour
Burritt on the Mountain Spring Farm Days
Calhoun County Fair Hog Show
Candace Powers, Barrel Racer
Chilton County Chamber of Commerce Strawberry Festival
Ducks Unlimited
Friends of Pike Road FFA Alumni Foundation
International Leadership Seminar for State FFA Officers
Lee County Master Gardener's Tour
National Agriculture Law Center Scholarship
North Alabama Agriplex
North Alabama FFA
Panhandle Youth Expo
Pleasant Valley FFA
Prattville Rotary Club River Region Rodeo
Sand Rock FFA
Southeastern Livestock Exposition
Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture Conference
Storybook Farm
The Bridge Builder Friendship Foundation
The Rolling Pumpkin Patch
Thorsby High School FFA

AITC MINI GRANTS

Alabama Ag in the Classroom awarded 36 mini grants for agricultural education totaling \$15,124.71



Foley Elementary School has utilized Ag in the Classroom mini grants for an array of projects. Lettuce towers, flying drones checking produce and raised bed gardens help the students get their hands dirty learning about the industry that feeds the world.



Brilliant Bio Tech Garden

Ryan Adkins
Brilliant High School, Marion County

Farm to Table Garden

Doug Allen
Pelham High School Culinary Arts, Shelby County

Chicks in the City

Shelby Atwood
Florence Middle School, Lauderdale County

Composting at MCAA

Lisa Balazs
Magic City Acceptance Academy, Jefferson County

Outdoor Butterfly/Sensory Garden

Meredith Barker
Rocky Ridge Elementary School, Jefferson County

Growing Agriscience into the Future

Bryan Blackmon
Ragland High School, St. Clair County

CES School Garden

Lori Blocker
Central Elementary School, Coosa County

Hydroponic System and Garden Supplies

Maggie Cornelius
Lauderdale County High School, Lauderdale County

Outdoor Sensory Garden

Caitlin Carpenter and Rachel Chastain
Helen Keller School/AIDB, Talladega County

Ag Enrichment After School Program

Jennifer Davis
J. Alex Child Development Center, Jefferson County

Many Hats of a Farmer

Kathy DeFoor
Eva School, Morgan County

Hatching Science

Bart Ellis
J.B. Pennington High School, Blount County

Growing and Learning School Garden

Lindsey Ellis
Providence School, Blount County

Tower Garden to Table

Rachel Ellsworth
Orange Beach Elementary School, Baldwin County

Wait! Is it Good or Bad?

Terri Frank
J.L. Newton School, Baldwin County

Bio-Bucs Outdoor Learning Classroom

Abby Gobbels
Hoover High School, Jefferson County

Raised Bed Garden Supplies

Brooke Hall
The Lakeside School, Barbour County

School Flower Garden

Carla Hall
Walker County Center of Technology, Walker County

Craighead Lions Grow Garden

Antionette Hamilton
Craighead Elementary School, Mobile County

Chicken Coop/Animal Husbandry

Rebecca Henderson
Alexandria Middle School, Calhoun County

Tiny's Ag Adventures

Aimme Holland
Hamilton Elementary School, Marion County

Environmental Science Chicken Coop

Kim Johnson
Crestline Elementary School, Morgan County

OMS 1st Grade Farm Unit

Makayla Key
Oakman Middle School, Walker County

Blooming Butterflies

Kelly Knapp
Spanish Fort Elementary School, Baldwin County

Elementary Garden

Amy Lacy
Sulligent Elementary School, Lamar County

Highland Elementary Happy Harvesters

Lori Moss
Highland Elementary School, Etowah County

Hatching Egg to Make Chickens / We are Eggcited!

Paige Pearson
Creek View Elementary School, Shelby County

Community Seed Library

Brooke Rawlins
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Madison County

Greenhouse Start-Up

Kenyah Smith
Park Crossing High School, Montgomery County

Aluminating an Education

Kirk Smith
Susan Moore High School FFA, Blount County

Dozier Chicken Coop

Shannon Taylor
Dozier Elementary School, Montgomery County

Renaissance School Garden

Jessica Viperman
Renaissance School of the Eastern Shore, Baldwin County

Hydroponic Herb Garden

Danielle Wilkins
Florence Middle School, Lauderdale County

Flock to Learning

Heather Williams
Swift School, Baldwin County

Egg Hatching 101

Christy Wilson
Prattville Elementary School, Autauga County

Enhancing Agriscience Education through Hydroponics

Matthew Wilson
Dadeville High School, Tallapoosa County



The Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation partnered with Alabama Ag in the Classroom (AITC) to donate the American Farm Bureau Book of the Year, "I Love Strawberries," and educator guides to 1,100 school libraries across the state. In addition, 80 teachers attended the AITC Summer Institute.

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