

# GEORGIA MASTER GARDENER EXTENSION VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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## Spotlight: Home Food Production

The 2015 Agriculture and Natural Resources Day Celebration showcased agriculture and natural resources in Rockdale County on June 30, 2015. The five-hour event was tailored to children of all ages, and included activities from the Rockdale County Farmer's Market, farm animals, and farm equipment. Attendees were able to purchase fresh vegetables, meet local farmers, and also see farm animals such as a dairy cow, baby pigs, goats, rabbits, chickens, and even horses and bees. Horse and farm equipment were also available. Informational displays on wildlife, water, and soils were presented by local and state natural resources agencies. Children invited from local summer day care centers spent the day learning about agriculture and enjoying the variety of activities offered. The day was a wonderful success, with more than 400 children attending the event!

This event began ten years ago under the leadership of the UGA Extension Agent in Rockdale County. Although this annual event has been held many times, Rockdale County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers (MGEVs) went the extra mile to make it special in 2015. They helped to organize and set up the event and staffed a booth for sharing UGA research-based gardening information with homeowners and gardeners. The MGEVs gave away door prizes, handed out UGA publications, and had a Pizza Garden to teach children about the source of their food. MGEVs also facilitated a pie contest and a cooking demonstration by a local chef. A lot of work went into making this a special day for school-aged kids!

Excitingly, a poster highlighting this project was awarded first place at the biannual UGA Extension Winter Conference. This project is part of Rockdale Extension's "Increasing Fresh Food Opportunities in Rockdale County" project initiative. MGEVs are applauded for their commitment to providing children with agricultural education through this event.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Day  
Conyers, GA  
Served by MGEVs from Rockdale County



### 2015 Project Contributions:

Volunteer Hours: 55  
Planning Meetings: 4  
Presentations: 2

*Special thanks to MGEVs committed to planning and staffing this educational day!*



The Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program prepares volunteers to support UGA Cooperative Extension in delivering gardening information to Georgia's citizens and communities. Since 1979, Master Gardeners and UGA Extension have helped Georgians become healthier, more productive, financially independent and environmentally responsible.