COLUMBIA COUNTY

Economic Impacts (2015)
Agricultural and related industries generate

6,082 jobs (20.5% of total) in Columbia County.

$282.0 million in Gross Regional Product.

14.4% contribution to Gross Regional Product.

Based on an annual UF study

It is estimated that for every $1 invested in agricultural research and Extension,
there is a return of $20 to the community.

Alston, Andersen et al. (2010)

Client Satisfaction (2015)

Quality

92% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

80% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

85% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

70% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Funding (FY 2017)
State funds for Extension $778,164 (66%)
Federal funds for Extension $74,287 (6%)
County funds for Extension $330,828 (28%)

Volunteers (2016)
Number of volunteers 304
Hours worked 8,223
Dollar value of hours worked $198,503

Giving (FY 2016)
Recent donors residing in county 2,051
FY 2016 donors residing in county 1,246
Gifts to UF from county residents $420,266
Gifts to IFAS from county residents $3,808

Clientele Contacts (2016)
Field and office consultations 2,056
Participants at group learning events 125,516
Phone and email consultations 3,606
Social media engagement 35,776
Educational materials created 241

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2016)
Clients reporting an increase in knowledge or skill 88%
Clients reporting a change in behavior or attitude 71%
Clients adopting best practices resulting in societal, economic, or environmental benefits to community 64%

Students and Alumni (Fall 2016)
UF students from county 158
CALS students from county 26
UF alumni residing in county 1,185
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county 157

EXTENSION: 4-H; Nutrition & food safety; Agronomic crop sustainability; Financial management; Commercial & environmental horticulture; Natural resources; Sustainable ag for small farms; Livestock

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