COLUMBIA COUNTY

Economic Impacts (2013)

Agricultural and related industries generate

6,256 jobs (22.9% of total) in Columbia County.

$303.8 million in revenues.

16.9% 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)

Funding (FY 2014)

State funds for Extension $554,132 (63%)
Federal funds for Extension $67,931 (8%)
County funds for Extension $256,952 (29%)

Volunteers (2014)

Number of volunteers 399
Hours worked 4,660
Dollar value of hours worked $107,506

Giving (FY 2014)

Recent donors residing in county 2,031
FY 2014 donors residing in county 1,234
Gifts to UF from county residents $404,250
Gifts to IFAS from county residents $4,663

Client Satisfaction (2010)

Quality 84%
Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness 69%
Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and... 78%
Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage 61%
Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2014)

Field and office consultations 5,059
Participants at group learning events 22,706
Phone and email consultations 3,683
Educational materials created 255

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2014)

Clients reporting an increase in knowledge or skill 88%
Clients reporting a change in behavior or attitude 74%
Clients adopting best practices resulting in societal, economic, or environmental benefits to community 60%

Students and Alumni (Fall 2014)

UF students from county 134
CALS students from county 20
UF alumni residing in county 1,173
IFAS alumni residing in county 163

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

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