**Economic Impacts (2014)**
Agricultural and related industries generate

- **8,568** jobs (78.4% of total) in Hardee County.
- **$676.4 million** in revenues.
- **79.3%** 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.

**Funding (FY 2016)**

- State funds for Extension: **$232,617 (52%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$27,391 (6%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$184,696 (42%)**

**Volunteers (2015)**

- Number of volunteers: **87**
- Hours worked: **6,555**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$154,436**

**Giving (FY 2016)**

- Recent donors residing in county: **243**
- FY 2016 donors residing in county: **133**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$56,603**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$25,315**

**Client Satisfaction (2016)**

- **94%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.
- **84%** Effectiveness: Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
- **67%** Leverage: Said it solved their problem or answered their question.
- **65%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2015)**

- Clients reporting an increase in knowledge or skill: **85%**
- Clients reporting a change in behavior or attitude: **70%**
- Clients adopting best practices resulting in societal, economic, or environmental benefits to community: **65%**

**Students and Alumni (Fall 2016)**

- UF students from county: **17**
- CALS students from county: **8**
- UF alumni residing in county: **168**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **93**

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FY 2016 Expenditures: $3,049,570

**EXTENSION:** 4-H youth, Family & consumer sciences, Alternative opportunities for small & part-time farmers, Home horticulture, Master Gardeners, Keeping waterways clean (Sea Grant)

**RESEARCH:** Profitability of beef, Forage & field crops, Dairy production