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.  
  
  *Alston, Andersen et al. (2010)*

Client Satisfaction (2016)
- **Quality** 94%
  - Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.
- **Effectiveness** 84%
  - Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
  - 67%
    - Said it solved their problem or answered their question.
- **Leverage** 65%
  - Clients who shared the information with someone else.

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 (2016)
- Number of volunteers  167
- Hours worked  2,912
- Dollar value of hours worked  $70,296

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

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

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

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