OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Economic Impacts (2015)
Agricultural and related industries generate

7,868 jobs (49.7% of total) in Okeechobee County.
$543.7 million in Gross Regional Product.
53.1%

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

Based on an annual UF study

Client Satisfaction (2006)
Quality
96%
Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness
75%
Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

90%
Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage
71%
Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Funding (FY 2017)
State funds for Extension $459,852 (68%)
Federal funds for Extension $43,900 (6%)
County funds for Extension $174,408 (26%)

Volunteers (2016)
Number of volunteers 693
Hours worked 38,762
Dollar value of hours worked $935,715

Giving (FY 2016)
Recent donors residing in county 358
FY 2016 donors residing in county 182
Gifts to UF from county residents $150,001
Gifts to IFAS from county residents $8,411

Clientele Contacts (2016)
Field and office consultations 3,890
Participants at group learning events 88,118
Phone and email consultations 3,393
Social media engagement 1,926
Educational materials created 71

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 56
CALS students from county 16
UF alumni residing in county 261
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county 105

EXTENSION: Beef and dairy production, Water quality, Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, Master Gardeners

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