**Economic Impacts (2015)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

- 7,868 jobs (49.7% of total) in Okeechobee County.
- $543.7 million in revenues.
- 53.1% 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 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

**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.

**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

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