

**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%** 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**

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

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