Economic Impacts (2015)
Agricultural and related industries generate

- 172,133 jobs (19.2% of total) in Palm Beach County.
- $10.60 billion in Gross Regional Product.
- 14.4% 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 (2013)
Quality
96% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness
83% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
84% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage
78% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Funding (FY 2017)
State funds for Extension $1,331,136 (34%)
Federal funds for Extension $127,077 (3%)
County funds for Extension $2,493,380 (63%)

Volunteers (2016)
Number of volunteers 514
Hours worked 16,135
Dollar value of hours worked $389,499

Giving (FY 2016)
Recent donors residing in county 23,192
FY 2016 donors residing in county 10,259
Gifts to UF from county residents $4,066,635
Gifts to IFAS from county residents $362,422

Clientele Contacts (2016)
Field and office consultations 5,043
Participants at group learning events 42,171
Phone and email consultations 23,044
Social media engagement 4,891
Educational materials created 667

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 3,462
CALS students from county 298
UF alumni residing in county 17,719
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county 1,255

EXTENSION: Sustainable ag/hort; Nutrition/food safety; Jobs for a sustainable community; Financial mgmt; 4-H; Community/human development; Mounts Botanical Garden; Master Gardeners

COMMODITIES: Sugarcane, Vegetables, Sweet corn, Rice, Turf

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