

**Economic Impacts (2015)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

**108,340** jobs (39.0% of total) in Polk County.

**\$7.90** billion in Gross Regional Product.

**38.7%** 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 **\$1,230,525 (58%)**  
Federal funds for Extension **\$117,472 (6%)**  
County funds for Extension **\$766,809 (36%)**

**Volunteers (2016)**

Number of volunteers **828**  
Hours worked **51,069**  
Dollar value of hours worked **\$1,232,806**

**Giving (FY 2016)**

Recent donors residing in county **6,588**  
FY 2016 donors residing in county **3,424**  
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$4,059,719**  
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$485,376**

**EXTENSION:** Citrus production; Livestock production; Pesticide licensing/training; Small farms; Natural resources ; 4-H; FL-Friendly Landscape; EFNEP; Nutrition; Healthy living; Money mgmt; School/ community gardens

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**Citrus Research and Education Center**

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FY 2017 Expenditures: \$20,275,715

**Client Satisfaction (2017)**

Quality

**90%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

**77%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

**73%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

**62%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts (2016)**

Field and office consultations **2,755**  
Participants at group learning events **53,961**  
Phone and email consultations **22,498**  
Social media engagement **378,330**  
Educational materials created **668**

**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 **744**  
CALS students from county **108**  
UF alumni residing in county **4,608**  
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **724**

**RESEARCH:** Discovers and delivers innovative solutions that empower citrus and other agricultural interests to conduct responsible and profitable business.