Polk County

Number of volunteers: 828
Hours worked: 51,069

UF/IFAS Extension Polk County
1702 Hwy 17 South
Bartow, FL 33831-9005
863-519-8677
Director: Nicole Walker
Email: naw@ufl.edu
Web: http://polk.ifas.ufl.edu/

UF/IFAS and Bok Tower Gardens Partnership
1151 Tower Blvd.
Lake Wales, FL 33853
863-519-1041
Director: Nicole Walker
Email: naw@ufl.edu
Web: http://boktowergardens.org
* includes $2.0M for Bok Tower Partnership

Economic Impacts (2014)
Agricultural and related industries generate
113,641 jobs (40.9% of total) in Polk County.
$8.18 billion in revenues.
41.3% 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 2016)
State funds for Extension $3,279,391* (79%)
Federal funds for Extension $150,652 (3%)
County funds for Extension $733,860 (18%)

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

Client Satisfaction (2012)
Quality 84% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.
Effectiveness 94% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
82% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage 77% 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

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

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