

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 (2015)

Number of volunteers	692
Hours worked	47,284
Dollar value of hours worked	\$1,114,011

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

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 (2015)

Field and office consultations	2,887
Participants at group learning events	44,492
Phone and email consultations	17,783
Social media engagement	571,937
Educational materials created	731

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2015)

Clients reporting an increase in knowledge or skill	85%
Clients reporting a change in behavior or attitude	70%
Clients adopting best practices resulting in societal, economic, or environmental benefits to community	65%

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.

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