**Economic Impacts (2015)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

- **44,463** jobs (17.1% of total) in Sarasota County.
- **$2.15 billion** in Gross Regional Product.
- **12.5%** 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: **$1,660,734 (48%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$158,542 (5%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$1,638,702 (47%)**

**Volunteers (2016)**

- Number of volunteers: **284**
- Hours worked: **17,406**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$420,181**

**Giving (FY 2016)**

- Recent donors residing in county: **5,523**
- FY 2016 donors residing in county: **2,608**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$1,598,352**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$106,458**

**Client Satisfaction (2016)**

- **Quality**: 94%
  - 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...
  - 77%
  - Said it solved their problem or answered their question.
- **Leverage**: 73%
  - Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts (2016)**

- Field and office consultations: **889**
- Participants at group learning events: **12,623**
- Phone and email consultations: **13,751**
- Social media engagement: **38,381**
- Educational materials created: **283**

**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: **759**
- CALS students from county: **89**
- UF alumni residing in county: **4,093**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **321**

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**EXTENSION**: Delivery of community initiatives, classes and volunteer opportunities related to food systems, water and environmental resources, youth and community resource development, 4-H youth, commercial and residential horticulture, small farms, family nutrition, and community and school gardening.

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