**Economic Impacts (2015)**
Agricultural and related industries generate

- **23,362** jobs (20.5% of total) in St. Lucie County.
- **$1.23 billion** in Gross Regional Product.
- **17.5%** 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: **$594,121 (45%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$56,718 (4%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$658,554 (50%)**

**Volunteers (2016)**
- Number of volunteers: **1,048**
- Hours worked: **32,101**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$774,918**

**Giving (FY 2016)**
- Recent donors residing in county: **2,304**
- FY 2016 donors residing in county: **1,017**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$653,089**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$11,831**

**Client Satisfaction (2015)**
- Quality: **92%**
  Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.
- Effectiveness: **62%**
  Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
- **92%**
  Said it solved their problem or answered their question.
- Leverage: **72%**
  Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts (2016)**
- Field and office consultations: **3,755**
- Participants at group learning events: **21,340**
- Phone and email consultations: **11,952**
- Social media engagement: **55,117**
- Educational materials created: **254**

**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: **419**
- CALS students from county: **62**
- UF alumni residing in county: **1,743**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **306**

**EXTENSION:** 4-H youth life skills; Windstorm mitigation & energy efficiency; Nutrition & food safety; Commercial & homeowner horticulture; Natural resource management

**COMMODITIES:** Citrus, ornamental and vegetable crops, fisheries

**RESEARCH:** Horticulture, post-harvest management, entomology, plant pathology, virology, soil and water sciences, aquaculture, biological control of invasive plants and insects, pest management, agricultural engineering, plant root biology

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