**Economic Impacts (2014)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

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\begin{align*}
&22,844 \text{ jobs (21.0% of total) in St. Lucie County.} \\
&$1.23 \text{ billion in revenues.} \\
&18.0\% \text{ contribution to gross regional product.}
\end{align*}
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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: $465,233 (43%)
- Federal funds for Extension: $54,782 (5%)
- County funds for Extension: $573,957 (52%)

**Volunteers (2015)**

- Number of volunteers: 355
- Hours worked: 37,581
- Dollar value of hours worked: $885,408

**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 (2015)**

- Field and office consultations: 4,142
- Participants at group learning events: 54,018
- Phone and email consultations: 24,275
- Social media engagement: 277,804
- Educational materials created: 1,932

**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: 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

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