**SUWANNEE COUNTY**

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

- **7,265** jobs (42.9% of total) in Suwannee County.
- **$453.4** million in revenues.
- **44.5%** 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: **$915,516 (63%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$87,400 (6%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$460,595 (31%)**

**Volunteers (2016)**
- Number of volunteers: **198**
- Hours worked: **9,332**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$225,274**

**Giving (FY 2016)**
- Recent donors residing in county: **980**
- FY 2016 donors residing in county: **519**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$129,063**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$50,713**

**Client Satisfaction (2014)**

- **Quality**: 92% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.
- **Effectiveness**: 85% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
- **92%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.
- **75%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts (2016)**
- Field and office consultations: **3,864**
- Participants at group learning events: **45,580**
- Phone and email consultations: **10,251**
- Social media engagement: **15,119**
- Educational materials created: **223**

**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: **86**
- CALS students from county: **20**
- UF alumni residing in county: **632**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **169**

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**EXTENSION**: 4-H/youth development; ag production/marketing; livestock/forages, dairy, sustainable ag systems; landscaping & gardening; nutrition, diabetes ed., financial management; food safety; community development  
**COMMODITIES**: Peanuts, corn, livestock (idairy and poultry), watermelons, peas, carrots, sweet potatoes, forages/hay, snap peas, timber/pine straw, pecans, soybeans, blueberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, tobacco, squash, grains, nursery crops  
**RESEARCH**: The SVAEC supports over $31 million in UF/IFAS research projects related to fruit and vegetable crops, integrated pest mgmt, water quality and quantity, and food safety.

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