

**Economic Impacts (2015)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

**7,265** jobs (42.9% of total) in Suwannee County.  
**\$453.4** million in Gross Regional Product.  
**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**

**EXTENSION:** 4-H/youth development; ag production/marketing; livestock/forages,dairy, sustainable ag systems; landscaping & gardening; nutrition, diabetes education, financial management; food safety; community development

**COMMODITIES:** Peanuts, corn, livestock (dairy & poultry), watermelons, peas, carrots,

**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.

Leverage

**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**

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/vegetable crops, integrated pest mgmt, water quality/quantity, & food safety.

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