**Economic Impacts (2015)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

- 7,265 jobs (42.9% of total) in Suwannee County.
- $453,444 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)**

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<td>State funds for Extension</td>
<td>$915,516</td>
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<td>Federal funds for Extension</td>
<td>$87,400</td>
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<td>$460,595</td>
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**Volunteers (2016)**

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<td>Number of volunteers</td>
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<td>Hours worked</td>
<td>9,332</td>
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<td>Dollar value of hours worked</td>
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**Giving (FY 2016)**

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<td>980</td>
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<td>$129,063</td>
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<td>$50,713</td>
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**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...

- **Leverage**: 75%
  - Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

- **Effectiveness**: 92%
  - Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

**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

**UF/IFAS Extension Suwannee County**

1302 11th St. SW (next to Coliseum)  
Live Oak, FL 32064-3696  
386-362-2771  
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386-362-1725  
Ast. Director: Bob Hochmuth  
Email: bobhoch@ufl.edu  
Web: http://svaec.ifas.ufl.edu/  
FY 2017 Expenditures: $1,035,497

**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, 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.