

Economic Impacts

Agricultural and related industries generate

5,837 jobs (42.4% of total) in Okeechobee County.

\$0.24 billion in revenues.

32.6% contribution to gross regional product.

Based on a 2009 UF study

It is estimated that for every **\$1** invested in agricultural research and extension, there is a return of **\$10** to the community.

Based on a 2007 USDA study

Funding

State funds for Extension **\$398,997**

Federal funds for Extension **\$122,898**

County funds for Extension **\$177,328**

Volunteers

Number of volunteers **202**

Hours worked **7,755**

Dollar value of hours worked **\$165,647**

Giving

Recent donors residing in county **303**

FY 2011 donors residing in county **154**

Gifts to UF from county residents **\$100,603**

Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$2,444**

Statewide Client Satisfaction

Quality

96% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

80% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

90% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

75% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts

Field and office consultations **1,545**

Participants at group learning events **7,104**

Phone and email consultations **9,024**

Educational materials created **189**

Statewide Clientele Outcomes

Clients reporting an increase in knowledge or skill **86%**

Clients reporting a change in behavior or attitude **78%**

Clients adopting best practices resulting in societal, economic, or environmental benefits to community **68%**

Students and Alumni

UF students from county **49**

CALS students from county **15**

UF alumni residing in county **223**

IFAS alumni residing in county **86**

EXTENSION: Beef and dairy production, Water quality, Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, Master Gardeners

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