

## Economic Impacts

### Agricultural and related industries generate

**33,113** jobs (15.9% of total) in Sarasota County.

**\$1.56** billion in revenues.

**11.1%** 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 **\$598,496**  
Federal funds for Extension **\$184,347**  
County funds for Extension **\$947,632**

## Volunteers

Number of volunteers **416**  
Hours worked **28,717**  
Dollar value of hours worked **\$613,395**

## Giving

Recent donors residing in county **4,838**  
FY 2011 donors residing in county **2,292**  
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$1,077,038**  
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$81,410**

## 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 **13,118**  
Participants at group learning events **69,485**  
Phone and email consultations **31,016**  
Educational materials created **980**

## 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 **700**  
CALS students from county **64**  
UF alumni residing in county **3,653**  
IFAS alumni residing in county **247**

**EXTENSION:** Environmental science education for youth, Sustainable agriculture, Family nutrition, Improving professional landscape, Florida-Friendly Landscaping, Sustainability

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