

**Economic Impacts** (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

**6,968** jobs (48.8% of total) in DeSoto County.  
**\$427** million in Gross Regional Product.  
**45.1%** 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 2022)

State funds for Extension **\$707,737 (73%)**  
 Federal funds for Extension **\$71,587 (7%)**  
 County funds for Extension **\$194,951 (20%)**

**Volunteers** (2022)

Number of volunteers **21**  
 Hours worked **803**  
 Dollar value of hours worked **\$25,525**

**Giving** (FY 2022)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **92**  
 Current (1yr) donors residing in county **44**  
 Gifts to UF from county residents **\$19,286**  
 Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$3,155**

**EXTENSION:** Beef production, Citrus Production, 4-H Youth Development, Career Development, Work Force Preparation, Life Skills, Pasture Management, Soil Testing, Animal Sci, Horticulture

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**Client Satisfaction** (2019)

Quality

**85%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

**64%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

**62%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

**42%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts** (2022)

Field and office consultations **332**  
 Participants at group learning events **8,366**  
 Phone and email consultations **6,120**  
 Social media engagement **9,061**  
 Educational materials created **76**

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes** (2022)

Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers **340,124,479**  
 No. of producers who adopted recommended practices **18,690**  
 No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters **55,285**

**Students and Alumni** (Fall 2022)

UF students from county **19**  
 CALS students from county **2**  
 UF alumni residing in county **179**  
 UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **58**