

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

6,347 jobs (59.6% of total) in Hardee County.

\$394 million in Gross Regional Product.

50.6% 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 **\$679,292 (72%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$68,709 (7%)**
County funds for Extension **\$190,097 (20%)**

Volunteers (2022)

Number of volunteers **62**
Hours worked **1,107**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$35,214**

Giving (FY 2022)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **129**
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **40**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$98,421**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$6,285**

EXTENSION: 4-H youth, Alternative opportunities for small & part-time farmers, Home horticulture, Master Gardeners, Keeping waterways clean (Sea Grant)

Client Satisfaction (2021)

Quality

83% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

83% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

80% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

100% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2022)

Field and office consultations **645**
Participants at group learning events **12,930**
Phone and email consultations **6,361**
Social media engagement **31,669**
Educational materials created **266**

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 **21**
CALs students from county **9**
UF alumni residing in county **191**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **103**

RESEARCH: Profitability of beef, Forage & field crops, Dairy production

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