

**Economic Impacts** (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

**5,927** jobs (36.5% of total) in Okeechobee County.  
**\$352** million in Gross Regional Product.  
**31.0%** 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 **\$392,042 (59%)**  
 Federal funds for Extension **\$39,655 (6%)**  
 County funds for Extension **\$237,621 (36%)**

**Volunteers** (2022)

Number of volunteers **152**  
 Hours worked **4,515**  
 Dollar value of hours worked **\$143,573**

**Giving** (FY 2022)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **205**  
 Current (1yr) donors residing in county **82**  
 Gifts to UF from county residents **\$72,157**  
 Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$6,341**

**Client Satisfaction** (2021)

Quality

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

Effectiveness

**81%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

**81%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

**70%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts** (2022)

Field and office consultations **550**  
 Participants at group learning events **57,452**  
 Phone and email consultations **2,977**  
 Social media engagement **51,230**  
 Educational materials created **150**

**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 **36**  
 CALS students from county **8**  
 UF alumni residing in county **317**  
 UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **129**

**EXTENSION:** Beef and dairy production, Water quality, Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, Youth Development

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