

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 2023)

State funds for Extension **\$585,379 (66%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$59,006 (7%)**
County funds for Extension **\$236,606 (27%)**

Volunteers (2023)

Number of volunteers **76**
Hours worked **1,216**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$40,724**

Giving (FY 2023)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **111**
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **40**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$170,125**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$469**

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 (2023)

Field and office consultations **429**
Participants at group learning events **4,288**
Phone and email consultations **4,739**
Social media engagement **35,754**
Educational materials created **168**

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2023)

Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers **375,503,045**
No. of producers who adopted recommended practices **20,994**
No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters **39,157**

Students and Alumni (Fall 2023)

UF students from county **23**
CALs students from county **8**
UF alumni residing in county **195**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **107**

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

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