**HARDEE COUNTY**

**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.

It is estimated that for every $1 invested in agricultural research and Extension, there is a return of $20 to the community.

**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.

**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

**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

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

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

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