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 2023)

State funds for Extension $410,391 (54%)
Federal funds for Extension $41,367 (5%)
County funds for Extension $307,973 (41%)

Volunteers (2023)

Number of volunteers 117
Hours worked 5,432
Dollar value of hours worked $181,918

Giving (FY 2023)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county 211
Current (1yr) donors residing in county 94
Gifts to UF from county residents $83,523
Gifts to IFAS from county residents $16,071

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 (2023)

Field and office consultations 712
Participants at group learning events 16,151
Phone and email consultations 2,202
Social media engagement 26,266
Educational materials created 136

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 34
CALS students from county 9
UF alumni residing in county 318
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county 131

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