

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**

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

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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