**Economic Impacts (2019)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

- **221,346** jobs (18.9% of total) in Orange County.
- **$14.34 billion** in Gross Regional Product.
- **13.8%** 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: **$1,535,893 (47%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$154,817 (5%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$1,549,534 (48%)**

** Volunteers (2023)**

- Number of volunteers: **993**
- Hours worked: **22,569**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$755,836**

**Giving (FY 2023)**

- Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county: **9,420**
- Current (1yr) donors residing in county: **3,467**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$8,936,019**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$1,052,858**

**Client Satisfaction (2021)**

- **Quality**: 92%
  - 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...

- **Said it solved their problem or answered their question.**: 76%

- **Leverage**: 65%
  - Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts (2023)**

- Field and office consultations: **1,262**
- Participants at group learning events: **29,938**
- Phone and email consultations: **15,181**
- Social media engagement: **173,203**
- Educational materials created: **445**

**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: **3,509**
- CALS students from county: **290**
- UF alumni residing in county: **21,574**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **1,639**

**EXTENSION**: 4-H Youth Development; Agriculture; Commercial and Residential Horticulture; Community Resource Development; Financial Management; Florida Friendly Landscape; Nutrition Education and Food Safety; Master Gardener Volunteers; Urban Forestry

**COMMODITIES**: Tropical foliage, cut foliage, woody ornamental, vegetables, citrus, blueberries, grapes, lettuce

**RESEARCH**: Plant development, production and protection of environmental horticulture, fruit crops, biological control and IPM, Controlled Environment agriculture, urban agriculture

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