

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

49,975 jobs (19.4% of total) in Sarasota County.

\$3.07 billion in Gross Regional Product.

15.0% 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 **\$1,503,299 (41%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$151,532 (4%)**
County funds for Extension **\$1,968,505 (54%)**

Volunteers (2023)

Number of volunteers **255**
Hours worked **11,462**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$362,314**

Giving (FY 2023)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **2,483**
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **838**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$1,914,679**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$16,170**

SARASOTA COUNTY EXTENSION: A county, state and federal partnership, Sarasota County Extension delivers community initiatives, classes, and volunteer opportunities related to agriculture, gardening and landscaping, natural resources, nutrition and healthy living, sustainability, and 4-H youth development

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Client Satisfaction (2021)

Quality

99% 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...

75% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

64% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2023)

Field and office consultations **6,502**
Participants at group learning events **29,625**
Phone and email consultations **7,690**
Social media engagement **1,053,482**
Educational materials created **308**

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 **845**
CALs students from county **78**
UF alumni residing in county **4,981**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **449**

to help residents, professionals, decisionmakers and others build a better future.