

**Economic Impacts (2019)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

**27,122** jobs (20.9% of total) in St. Lucie County.

**\$1.68** billion in Gross Regional Product.

**18.3%** 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 **\$673,804 (35%)**  
Federal funds for Extension **\$67,919 (4%)**  
County funds for Extension **\$1,192,730 (62%)**

**Volunteers (2023)**

Number of volunteers **682**  
Hours worked **25,967**  
Dollar value of hours worked **\$869,635**

**Giving (FY 2023)**

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **997**  
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **320**  
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$2,155,461**  
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$5,052**

**EXTENSION:** 4-H youth life skills; Community Resource Development; Nutrition & food safety; Commercial & homeowner horticulture; Natural resource management; Fruit & alternative crops **COMMODITIES:** Citrus, ornamental and vegetable crops,

**Client Satisfaction (2021)**

Quality

**84%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

**78%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

**73%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

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

**Clientele Contacts (2023)**

Field and office consultations **919**  
Participants at group learning events **15,877**  
Phone and email consultations **13,146**  
Social media engagement **223,667**  
Educational materials created **196**

**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 **393**  
CALs students from county **64**  
UF alumni residing in county **2,435**  
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **371**

fisheries **RESEARCH:** Horticulture, post-harvest management, entomology, plant pathology, soil and water sciences, aquaculture, biological control of invasive plants and insects, pest management, plant root biology, water quality, and smart irrigation

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