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

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

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, fisheries

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

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