**SUWANNEE COUNTY**

**Economic Impacts** (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

- **7,709 jobs** (43.3% of total) in Suwannee County.
- **$640 million** in Gross Regional Product.
- **54.2%** 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: **$855,589 (61%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$86,243 (6%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$464,052 (33%)**

**Volunteers** (2023)

- Number of volunteers: **209**
- Hours worked: **4,860**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$162,761**

**Giving** (FY 2023)

- Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county: **535**
- Current (1yr) donors residing in county: **149**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$76,821**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$14,784**

**Client Satisfaction** (2019)

**Quality**

- **100%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

**Effectiveness**

- **83%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
- **81%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

**Leverage**

- **89%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

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**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: **62**
- CALS students from county: **14**
- UF alumni residing in county: **700**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **180**

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**EXTENSION:** 4-H/youth development; ag production/marketing; livestock/forages; sustainable ag systems; landscaping/gardening; nutrition; diabetes ed.; financial mgmt.; food safety/preservation; community development; workforce development; natural resources, and volunteer opportunities. **COMMODITIES:** Peanuts, corn, livestock, watermelons, carrots, sweet potatoes, forages/hay, snap beans, timber/pine straw, pecans, soybeans, southern peas, blueberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, tobacco, squash, grains, nursery crops. **RESEARCH:** Fruit and vegetable crops, agronomic crops, integrated pest management, water quality and quantity, and food safety.