Economic Impacts (2019)
Agricultural and related industries generate

902 jobs (19.4% of total) in Union County.

$33 million in Gross Regional Product.

10.8%

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 $310,774 (71%)
Federal funds for Extension $31,325 (7%)
County funds for Extension $98,483 (22%)

Volunteers (2023)
Number of volunteers 46
Hours worked 1,841
Dollar value of hours worked $61,655

Giving (FY 2023)
Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county 273
Current (1yr) donors residing in county 105
Gifts to UF from county residents $142,141
Gifts to IFAS from county residents $1,203

Client Satisfaction (2021)
Quality 92% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness 75%

89% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage 33% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2023)
Field and office consultations 1,151
Participants at group learning events 2,016
Phone and email consultations 4,169
Social media engagement 39,088
Educational materials created 63

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 37
CALS students from county 18
UF alumni residing in county 313
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county 82

EXTENSION: Sustainable and alternative agriculture education; environmental and natural resource education; 4-H youth leadership and life skills development

COMMODITIES: Cattle, hay, agronomic row crops, vegetables, and blueberries

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