

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

6,347 jobs (59.6% of total) in Hardee County.

\$394 million in Gross Regional Product.

50.6% 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 2025)

State funds for Extension **\$301,391 (38%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$30,336 (4%)**
County funds for Extension **\$452,939 (58%)**

Volunteers (2024)

Number of volunteers **15**
Hours worked **228**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$7,946**

Giving (FY 2024)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **100**
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **31**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$147,631**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$13,400**

EXTENSION: 4-H youth, Alternative opportunities for small & part-time farmers, Home horticulture, Master Gardeners, Keeping waterways clean (Sea Grant)

Client Satisfaction (2021)

Quality

83% 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...

80% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

100% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2024)

Field and office consultations **137**
Participants at group learning events **6,047**
Phone and email consultations **1,446**
Social media engagement **102,186**
Educational materials created **150**

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2024)

Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers **299,660,684**
No. of producers who adopted recommended practices **22,350**
No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters **37,001**

Students and Alumni (Fall 2024)

UF students from county **22**
CALS students from county **10**
UF alumni residing in county **194**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **98**

RESEARCH: Profitability of beef, Forage & field crops, Dairy production

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