

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

176,637 jobs (18.1% of total) in Hillsborough County.

\$11.94 billion in Gross Regional Product.

11.7% 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 **\$1,782,253 (36%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$197,186 (4%)**
County funds for Extension **\$2,911,327 (60%)**

Volunteers (2024)

Number of volunteers **635**
Hours worked **15,906**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$553,359**

Giving (FY 2024)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **9,176**
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **2,826**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$16,242,843**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$1,045,111**

EXTENSION: Commercial veg/fruit/ornamental plant production; Small farms/livestock; Financial management; Life skills; Food and nutrition; 4-H/Youth development; Home horticulture; Professional horticulture services; Urban forestry; Aquaculture production; Aquaculture education/workforce development

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FY 2024 Expenditures: \$15,121,829

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FY 2024 Expenditures: \$853,085

Client Satisfaction (2021)

Quality

94% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

73% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

78% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

57% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2024)

Field and office consultations **4,520**
Participants at group learning events **44,815**
Phone and email consultations **29,345**
Social media engagement **7,157,071**
Educational materials created **2,059**

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 **3,268**
CALS students from county **301**
UF alumni residing in county **21,597**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **1,958**

COMMODITIES: Small fruits, vegetables, ornamentals, aquaculture, livestock **RESEARCH:** Breeding and genetics; Horticulture; Plant pathology; Entomology and nematology; Soil and water sciences; Weed science; Aquaculture production; Aquatic animal health