

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

86,644 jobs (22.1% of total) in Lee County.

\$4.89 billion in Gross Regional Product.

15.0% 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 **\$745,314 (61%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$75,841 (6%)**
County funds for Extension **\$395,128 (32%)**

Volunteers (2024)

Number of volunteers **271**
Hours worked **18,668**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$649,442**

Giving (FY 2024)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **2,492**
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **723**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$1,145,162**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$26,876**

EXTENSION: Green industry BMP; Florida-Friendly Landscaping; Sustainability; Sustainable marine fisheries; Small farms sustainability; Family nutrition, Money management; 4-H Youth

Client Satisfaction (2019)

Quality

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

Effectiveness

86% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

56% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

72% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2024)

Field and office consultations **540**
Participants at group learning events **7,724**
Phone and email consultations **8,716**
Social media engagement **111,432**
Educational materials created **93**

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 **976**
CALS students from county **107**
UF alumni residing in county **5,177**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **586**

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