

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

5,927 jobs (36.5% of total) in Okeechobee County.

\$352 million in Gross Regional Product.

31.0% 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 **\$521,333 (52%)**

Federal funds for Extension **\$45,505 (5%)**

County funds for Extension **\$434,087 (43%)**

Volunteers (2024)

Number of volunteers **178**

Hours worked **4,512**

Dollar value of hours worked **\$156,987**

Giving (FY 2024)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **160**

Current (1yr) donors residing in county **56**

Gifts to UF from county residents **\$56,093**

Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$5,535**

EXTENSION: Beef and dairy production, Water quality, Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, Youth Development

Client Satisfaction (2021)

Quality

96% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

81% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

81% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

70% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2024)

Field and office consultations **583**

Participants at group learning events **29,388**

Phone and email consultations **4,075**

Social media engagement **90,872**

Educational materials created **137**

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 **35**

CALS students from county **7**

UF alumni residing in county **299**

UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **116**

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