

**Economic Impacts** (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

**221,346** jobs (18.9% of total) in Orange County.

**\$14.34** billion in Gross Regional Product.

**13.8%** 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 **\$1,502,813 (39%)**  
Federal funds for Extension **\$166,850 (4%)**  
County funds for Extension **\$2,218,840 (57%)**

**Volunteers** (2024)

Number of volunteers **1,413**  
Hours worked **31,829**  
Dollar value of hours worked **\$1,107,316**

**Giving** (FY 2024)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **8,359**  
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **2,689**  
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$7,261,712**  
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$758,631**

**EXTENSION:** 4-H Youth Development; Agriculture; Commercial and Residential Horticulture; Community Resource Development; Financial Management; Florida Friendly Landscape; Nutrition Education and Food Safety; Master Gardener Volunteers; Urban Forestry **COMMODITIES:** Tropical foliage, cut foliage, woody

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FY 2024 Expenditures: \$4,234,645

**Client Satisfaction** (2021)

Quality

**92%** 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...

**76%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

**65%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts** (2024)

Field and office consultations **2,600**  
Participants at group learning events **41,300**  
Phone and email consultations **29,674**  
Social media engagement **748,669**  
Educational materials created **584**

**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 **3,653**  
CALS students from county **262**  
UF alumni residing in county **21,244**  
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **1,662**

ornamental, vegetables, citrus, blueberries, grapes, lettuce

**RESEARCH:** Plant development, production and protection of environmental horticulture, fruit crops, biological control and IPM, Controlled Environment agriculture, urban agriculture