

**Economic Impacts** (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

**81,902** jobs (26.1% of total) in Polk County.

**\$4.43** billion in Gross Regional Product.

**17.3%** 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 **\$1,344,535 (42%)**  
Federal funds for Extension **\$119,829 (4%)**  
County funds for Extension **\$1,704,628 (54%)**

**Volunteers** (2024)

Number of volunteers **342**  
Hours worked **18,725**  
Dollar value of hours worked **\$651,449**

**Giving** (FY 2024)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **2,679**  
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **963**  
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$1,839,419**  
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$124,647**

**EXTENSION:** Citrus production; Livestock production; Pesticide licensing/training; Small farms; Natural resources ; 4-H; FL-Friendly Landscape; EFNEP; Nutrition; Healthy living; Money mgmt; School/ community gardens

**Client Satisfaction** (2022)

Quality

**96%** 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...

**73%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

**56%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts** (2024)

Field and office consultations **1,699**  
Participants at group learning events **32,026**  
Phone and email consultations **29,021**  
Social media engagement **424,980**  
Educational materials created **822**

**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 **931**  
CALs students from county **127**  
UF alumni residing in county **5,127**  
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **819**

**RESEARCH:** Discovers and delivers innovative solutions that empower citrus and other agricultural interests to conduct responsible and profitable business.

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