

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

49,975 jobs (19.4% of total) in Sarasota County.

\$3.07 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 **\$1,408,102 (34%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$151,682 (4%)**
County funds for Extension **\$2,546,698 (62%)**

Volunteers (2024)

Number of volunteers **\$+***
Hours worked **12,668**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$440,717**

Giving (FY 2024)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **2,317**
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **700**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$1,377,588**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$15,051**

SARASOTA COUNTY EXTENSION: A county, state and federal partnership, Sarasota County Extension delivers community initiatives, classes, and volunteer opportunities related to agriculture, gardening and landscaping, natural resources, nutrition

Client Satisfaction (2021)

Quality

99% 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...

75% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

64% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2024)

Field and office consultations **+18#%**
Participants at group learning events **%#1+) #**
Phone and email consultations **#' 1\$* ***
Social media engagement **#(##)' \$**
Educational materials created **)' %**

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 **875**
CALs students from county **81**
UF alumni residing in county **5,134**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **474**

and healthy living, sustainability, and 4-H youth development to help residents, professionals, decisionmakers and others build a better future.

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