

## Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

**27,122** jobs (20.9% of total) in St. Lucie County.

**\$1.68** billion in Gross Regional Product.

**18.3%** 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 **\$690,273 (34%)**  
Federal funds for Extension **\$83,425 (4%)**  
County funds for Extension **\$1,279,500 (62%)**

## Volunteers (2024)

Number of volunteers **194**  
Hours worked **24,335**  
Dollar value of hours worked **\$846,601**

## Giving (FY 2024)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **885**  
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **224**  
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$2,116,492**  
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$8,342**

**EXTENSION:** 4-H youth life skills; Community Resource Development; Nutrition & food safety; Commercial & homeowner horticulture; Natural resource management; Fruit & alternative crops **COMMODITIES:** Citrus, ornamental and vegetable crops, fisheries, beef cattle

## Client Satisfaction (2021)

Quality

**84%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

**78%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

**73%** 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 **2,740**  
Participants at group learning events **29,813**  
Phone and email consultations **12,488**  
Social media engagement **217,155**  
Educational materials created **239**

## 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 **405**  
CALs students from county **62**  
UF alumni residing in county **2,483**  
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **368**

**RESEARCH:** Marine aquaculture; Biological control for invasive plants/insects; Entomology; Citrus horticulture and other tree crops; Plant nutrition; Wetland water quality; Soil quality; Nanotechnology; Smart irrigation/hydrology; Plant pathology genomics/bioinformatics; Post-harvest physiology/mgmt

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