

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

6,347 jobs (59.6% of total) in Hardee County.

\$394 million in Gross Regional Product.

50.6% 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 2022)

State funds for Extension **\$679,292 (72%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$68,709 (7%)**
County funds for Extension **\$190,097 (20%)**

Volunteers (2021)

Number of volunteers **42**
Hours worked **1,271**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$36,274**

Giving (FY 2021)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **134**
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **51**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$87,609**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$14,353**

EXTENSION: 4-H youth, Alternative opportunities for small & part-time farmers, Home horticulture, Master Gardeners, Keeping waterways clean (Sea Grant)

Client Satisfaction (2021)

Quality

83% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

83% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

80% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

100% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2021)

Field and office consultations **415**
Participants at group learning events **2,810**
Phone and email consultations **5,314**
Social media engagement **111,862**
Educational materials created **204**

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2021)

Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers **359,449,792**
No. of producers who adopted recommended practices **13,606**
No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters **25,608**

Students and Alumni (Fall 2021)

UF students from county **19**
CALs students from county **10**
UF alumni residing in county **191**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **105**

RESEARCH: Beef, forage and dairy production

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