HARDEE COUNTY

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)*

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.

Funding (FY 2022)

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<td>State funds for Extension</td>
<td>$679,292</td>
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<td>$190,097</td>
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Volunteers (2022)

- Number of volunteers: 62
- Hours worked: 1,107
- Dollar value of hours worked: $35,214

Giving (FY 2022)

- Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county: 129
- Current (1yr) donors residing in county: 40
- Gifts to UF from county residents: $98,421
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: $6,285

Clientele Contacts (2022)

- Field and office consultations: 645
- Participants at group learning events: 12,930
- Phone and email consultations: 6,361
- Social media engagement: 31,669
- Educational materials created: 266

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2022)

- Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers: 340,124,479
- No. of producers who adopted recommended practices: 18,690
- No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters: 55,285

Students and Alumni (Fall 2022)

- UF students from county: 21
- CALS students from county: 9
- UF alumni residing in county: 191
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: 103

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

RESEARCH: Profitability of beef, Forage & field crops, Dairy production

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FY 2023 Expenditures: $3,915,937

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