

Economic Impacts (2018)

Agricultural and related industries generate

6,601 jobs (58.8% of total) in Hardee County.

\$333 million in Gross Regional Product.

43.7% 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 2020)

State funds for Extension **\$464,450 (69%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$47,972 (7%)**
County funds for Extension **\$164,496 (24%)**

Volunteers (2019)

Number of volunteers **65**
Hours worked **1,825**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$49,640**

Giving (FY 2019)

Recent donors residing in county **127**
FY 2019 donors residing in county **65**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$48,494**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$4,975**

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

Client Satisfaction (2016)

Quality

94% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

84% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

67% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

65% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2019)

Field and office consultations **1,944**
Participants at group learning events **21,482**
Phone and email consultations **28,433**
Social media engagement **187,663**
Educational materials created **108**

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2019)

Gallons of water saved by residential participants **467,145,870**
No. of producers who adopted recommended practices **15,244**
No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters **51,697**

Students and Alumni (Fall 2019)

UF students from county **10**
CALs students from county **4**
UF alumni residing in county **190**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **111**

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

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