HARDEE COUNTY

Economic Impacts (2016)
Agricultural and related industries generate

6,468 jobs (59.5% of total) in Hardee County.

$357 million in Gross Regional Product.

50.0%

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 (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.

Funding (FY 2019)
State funds for Extension $297,952 (62%)
Federal funds for Extension $28,055 (6%)
County funds for Extension $158,221 (33%)

Volunteers (2018)
Number of volunteers 164
Hours worked 4,513
Dollar value of hours worked $114,766

Giving (FY 2018)
Recent donors residing in county 263
FY 2018 donors residing in county 139
Gifts to UF from county residents $125,703
Gifts to IFAS from county residents $37,600

Clientele Contacts (2018)
Field and office consultations 2,329
Participants at group learning events 13,407
Phone and email consultations 8,787
Social media engagement 137,443
Educational materials created 320

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2018)
Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers 386,541,761
No. of producers who adopted recommended practices 8,543
No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters 47,638

Students and Alumni (Fall 2018)
UF students from county 10
CALS students from county 2
UF alumni residing in county 187
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county 108

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 2018 Expenditures: $3,070,149

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