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%** 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 2018)
- State funds for Extension: **$272,754 (59%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$28,209 (6%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$160,913 (35%)**

Volunteers (2017)
- Number of volunteers: **89**
- Hours worked: **1,789**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$44,170**

Giving (FY 2017)
- Recent donors residing in county: **260**
- FY 2017 donors residing in county: **139**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$96,614**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$21,520**

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 (2017)
- Field and office consultations: **690**
- Participants at group learning events: **7,049**
- Phone and email consultations: **5,149**
- Social media engagement: **23,808**
- Educational materials created: **192**

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2017)
- Gallons of water saved by residential participants: **176,405,796**
- No. of producers who adopted recommended practices: **20,813**
- No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters: **56,562**

Students and Alumni (Fall 2017)
- UF students from county: **10**
- CALS students from county: **5**
- UF alumni residing in county: **179**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **100**

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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