

## 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**

**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 (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**

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

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FY 2017 Expenditures: \$3,287,275.00