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))*

**Funding (FY 2022)**
State funds for Extension $679,292 (72%)
Federal funds for Extension $68,709 (7%)
County funds for Extension $190,097 (20%)

**Volunteers (2021)**
Number of volunteers 42
Hours worked 1,271
Dollar value of hours worked $36,274

**Giving (FY 2021)**
Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county 134
Current (1yr) donors residing in county 51
Gifts to UF from county residents $87,609
Gifts to IFAS from county residents $14,353

**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.

**Clientele Contacts (2021)**
Field and office consultations 415
Participants at group learning events 2,810
Phone and email consultations 5,314
Social media engagement 111,862
Educational materials created 204

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2021)**
Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers 359,449,792
No. of producers who adopted recommended practices 13,606
No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters 25,608

**Students and Alumni (Fall 2021)**
UF students from county 19
CALS students from county 10
UF alumni residing in county 191
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county 105

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

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FY 2022 Expenditures: $3,445,939

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