**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 2021)

- State funds for Extension: **$596,846 (72%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$58,625 (7%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$176,246 (21%)**

**Volunteers** (2020)

- Number of volunteers: **92**
- Hours worked: **4,928**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$140,645**

**Giving** (FY 2020)

- Recent donors residing in county: **132**
- FY 2020 donors residing in county: **72**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$58,757**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$7,243**

**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...
- Leverage: **67%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.
- **65%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts** (2020)

- Field and office consultations: **815**
- Participants at group learning events: **11,307**
- Phone and email consultations: **8,119**
- Social media engagement: **102,008**
- Educational materials created: **262**

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes** (2020)

- Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers: **344,958,268**
- No. of producers who adopted recommended practices: **17,589**
- No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters: **55,285**

**Students and Alumni** (Fall 2020)

- UF students from county: **16**
- CALS students from county: **7**
- UF alumni residing in county: **195**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **110**

**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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