**Economic Impacts (2017)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

- **6,610 jobs** (58.1% of total) in Hardee County.
- **$373 million** in Gross Regional Product.

**46.9%** 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 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 2019)**

- Recent donors residing in county 127
- FY 2019 donors residing in county 65
- Gifts to UF from county residents $48,494
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents $4,975

**Client Satisfaction (2016)**

- **Quality**: Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.
  - **94%**

- **Effectiveness**: Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
  - **84%**
  - **67%** said it solved their problem or answered their question.

- **Leverage**: Clients who shared the information with someone else.
  - **65%**

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2018)**

- Gallons of water saved by residential participants 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 2019)**

- UF students from county 10
- CALS students from county 4
- UF alumni residing in county 190
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county 111

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**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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