**Economic Impacts** (2019)
Agricultural and related industries generate

- **11,489** jobs (30.1% of total) in Highlands County.
- **$634 million** in Gross Regional Product.
- **25.1%** 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: **$422,221 (56%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$42,707 (6%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$291,031 (39%)**

**Volunteers** (2021)
- Number of volunteers: **244**
- Hours worked: **6,492**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$185,282**

**Giving** (FY 2021)
- Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county: **420**
- Current (1yr) donors residing in county: **200**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$223,528**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$52,092**

**Client Satisfaction** (2017)
Quality
- **95%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness
- **85%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
- **68%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage
- **74%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts** (2021)
- Field and office consultations: **469**
- Participants at group learning events: **8,722**
- Phone and email consultations: **1,295**
- Social media engagement: **28,152**
- Educational materials created: **111**

**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: **101**
- CALS students from county: **31**
- UF alumni residing in county: **822**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **262**

**EXTENSION:** Agricultural support; livestock and forage production; Master Gardener programs; pesticide applicator programs; 4-H youth leadership development

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