**Economic Impacts (2016)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

- **33,740** jobs (24.1% of total) in Marion County.
- **$1.66 billion** in Gross Regional Product.
- **18.8%** 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: **$1,500,150 (58%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$155,148 (6%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$914,567 (36%)**

**Volunteers (2017)**

- Number of volunteers: **865**
- Hours worked: **81,656**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$2,016,087**

**Giving (FY 2017)**

- Recent donors residing in county: **10,580**
- FY 2017 donors residing in county: **6,822**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$3,830,773**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$255,817**

**Client Satisfaction (2016)**

- Quality
  - Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided: **93%**
- Effectiveness
  - Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...: **80%**
  - Said it solved their problem or answered their question: **81%**
- Leverage
  - Clients who shared the information with someone else: **62%**

**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: **853**
- CALS students from county: **104**
- UF alumni residing in county: **5,364**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **661**

**EXTENSION:** Florida Landscapes, 4-H/Youth Development, Water Quality, Nutrition Education and Food Safety, Aging Well, Resource Efficiency, Livestock/Equine, Local food systems, Ag BMPs

**RESEARCH:** New plant cultivars, Biological control agents, Remote sensing, Fertilizer best management practices, Water quality, Water use

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