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

- **37,501** jobs (24.5% of total) in Marion County.  
- **$2.06 billion** in Gross Regional Product.  

It is estimated that for every **$1** invested in agricultural research and Extension, there is a return of **$20** to the community.  

**Funding (FY 2022)**  
- State funds for Extension: **$1,524,820** (56%)  
- Federal funds for Extension: **$154,234** (6%)  
- County funds for Extension: **$1,047,259** (38%)  

**Volunteers (2022)**  
- Number of volunteers: **485**  
- Hours worked: **24,957**  
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$793,618**  

**Giving (FY 2022)**  
- Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county: **6,553**  
- Current (1yr) donors residing in county: **3,079**  
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$2,574,485**  
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$201,994**  

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2022)**  
- Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers: **340,124,479**  
- No. of producers who adopted recommended practices: **18,690**  
- No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters: **55,285**  

**Students and Alumni (Fall 2022)**  
- UF students from county: **775**  
- CALS students from county: **85**  
- UF alumni residing in county: **5,960**  
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **767**  

**Client Satisfaction (2021)**  
- Quality: **97%**  
- Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.  
- Effectiveness: **81%**  
- Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...  
- **76%**  
- Said it solved their problem or answered their question.  

- **68%**  
- Clients who shared the information with someone else.  

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**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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