**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.

Based on an annual UF study

**Funding (FY 2021)**

State funds for Extension **$1,575,081 (57%)**

Federal funds for Extension **$154,711 (6%)**

County funds for Extension **$1,047,003 (38%)**

**Volunteers (2020)**

- **Number of volunteers**: 496
- **Hours worked**: 17,164
- **Dollar value of hours worked**: **$489,861**

**Giving (FY 2020)**

- **Recent donors residing in county**: 6,244
- **FY 2020 donors residing in county**: 3,075
- **Gifts to UF from county residents**: **$2,460,143**
- **Gifts to IFAS from county residents**: **$258,652**

**Client Satisfaction (2016)**

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

**Clientele Contacts (2020)**

- **Field and office consultations**: 1,269
- **Participants at group learning events**: 26,473
- **Phone and email consultations**: 21,812
- **Social media engagement**: 517,324
- **Educational materials created**: 303

**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**: 841
- **CALS students from county**: 101
- **UF alumni residing in county**: 5,744
- **UF/IFAS alumni residing in county**: 739

**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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