

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

5,927 jobs (36.5% of total) in Okeechobee County.

\$352 million in Gross Regional Product.

31.0% 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 **\$392,042 (59%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$39,655 (6%)**
County funds for Extension **\$237,621 (36%)**

Volunteers (2021)

Number of volunteers **181**
Hours worked **3,715**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$106,026**

Giving (FY 2021)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **190**
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **86**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$98,579**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$8,161**

EXTENSION: Beef and dairy production, Water quality, Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, Youth Development

Client Satisfaction (2021)

Quality

96% 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...

81% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

70% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2021)

Field and office consultations **626**
Participants at group learning events **15,202**
Phone and email consultations **2,262**
Social media engagement **52,597**
Educational materials created **156**

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 **40**
CALs students from county **7**
UF alumni residing in county **309**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **128**

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