OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

**Economic Impacts (2018)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

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\begin{align*}
5,985 & \text{ jobs (37.3% of total) in Okeechobee County.} \\
$330 & \text{ million in Gross Regional Product.} \\
31.3% & \text{ contribution to Gross Regional Product.} \\
\end{align*}
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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.

\[\text{Alston, Andersen et al. (2010)}\]

**Funding (FY 2021)**

State funds for Extension \(\$414,278\) (61%)

Federal funds for Extension \(\$40,692\) (6%)

County funds for Extension \(\$228,222\) (33%)

**Volunteers (2020)**

Number of volunteers 314

Hours worked 8,251

Dollar value of hours worked \(\$235,484\)

**Giving (FY 2020)**

Recent donors residing in county 175

FY 2020 donors residing in county 83

Gifts to UF from county residents \(\$117,119\)

Gifts to IFAS from county residents \(\$9,867\)

**Client Satisfaction (2006)**

Quality 96%

Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness 75%

Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

90%

Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage 71%

Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts (2020)**

Field and office consultations 527

Participants at group learning events 10,346

Phone and email consultations 3,145

Social media engagement 46,245

Educational materials created 207

**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 38

CALS students from county 5

UF alumni residing in county 302

UF/IFAS alumni residing in county 124

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