OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

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)

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.

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

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

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

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