OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Economic Impacts (2018)
Agricultural and related industries generate
5,985 jobs (37.3% of total) in Okeechobee County.
$330 million in Gross Regional Product.
31.3% 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. 
Alschen, Andersen et al. (2010)

Funding (FY 2020)
State funds for Extension $405,966 (60%)
Federal funds for Extension $41,932 (6%)
County funds for Extension $233,268 (34%)

Volunteers (2019)
Number of volunteers 278
Hours worked 7,288
Dollar value of hours worked $198,234

Giving (FY 2019)
Recent donors residing in county 180
FY 2019 donors residing in county 114
Gifts to UF from county residents $92,724
Gifts to IFAS from county residents $25,912

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 (2019)
Field and office consultations 1,051
Participants at group learning events 15,738
Phone and email consultations 1,833
Social media engagement 33,329
Educational materials created 159

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2019)
Gallons of water saved by residential participants 467,145,870
No. of producers who adopted recommended practices 15,244
No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters 51,697

Students and Alumni (Fall 2019)
UF students from county 49
CALS students from county 12
UF alumni residing in county 280
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county 117

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

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