

Economic Impacts (2016)

Agricultural and related industries generate

6,071 jobs (37.9% of total) in Okeechobee County.

\$446 million in Gross Regional Product.

42.7% 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 2018)

State funds for Extension **\$409,132 (65%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$42,313 (7%)**
County funds for Extension **\$173,610 (28%)**

Volunteers (2017)

Number of volunteers **50**
Hours worked **347**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$8,567**

Giving (FY 2017)

Recent donors residing in county **365**
FY 2017 donors residing in county **178**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$117,865**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$16,303**

EXTENSION: Beef and dairy production, Water quality, Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, Master Gardeners

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 (2017)

Field and office consultations **325**
Participants at group learning events **6,413**
Phone and email consultations **1,534**
Social media engagement **31,372**
Educational materials created **76**

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2017)

Gallons of water saved by residential participants **176,405,796**
No. of producers who adopted recommended practices **20,813**
No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters **56,562**

Students and Alumni (Fall 2017)

UF students from county **55**
CALs students from county **15**
UF alumni residing in county **271**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **108**

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