**Economic Impacts (2018)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

- **78,666** jobs (26.7% of total) in Polk County.
- **$5.59** billion in Gross Regional Product.
- **23.2%** 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.

_Alsop, Andersen et al. (2010)_

**Funding (FY 2020)**

- State funds for Extension: **$1,318,390 (59%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$136,175 (6%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$792,892 (35%)**

**Volunteers (2019)**

- Number of volunteers: **557**
- Hours worked: **33,343**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$906,930**

**Giving (FY 2019)**

- Recent donors residing in county: **2,880**
- FY 2019 donors residing in county: **1,539**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$2,648,995**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$90,072**

**Client Satisfaction (2017)**

- **Quality**: Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.
- **90%**

- **Effectiveness**: Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
- **77%**

- **Leverage**: Said it solved their problem or answered their question.
- **73%**

- **62%**: Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts (2019)**

- Field and office consultations: **1,871**
- Participants at group learning events: **35,422**
- Phone and email consultations: **13,122**
- Social media engagement: **124,994**
- Educational materials created: **438**

**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: **795**
- CALS students from county: **125**
- UF alumni residing in county: **4,812**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **761**

**Extension**: Citrus production; Livestock production; Pesticide licensing/training; Small farms; Natural resources; 4-H; FL-Friendly Landscape; EFNEP; Nutrition; Healthy living; Money mgmt; School/community gardens

**Research**: Discovers and delivers innovative solutions that empower citrus and other agricultural interests to conduct responsible and profitable business.

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