

POLK COUNTY

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

81,90

17.30

jobs (26.1% of total) in Polk County.

43 billion in Gross Regional Product.

> contribution to Gross Regional Product. Based on an annual UF study

It is estimated that for every

invested in agricultural research and Extension,

there is a return of

to the community. Alston, Andersen et al. (2010)

Funding (FY 2022)

State funds for Extension Federal funds for Extension County funds for Extension \$1,383,886 (57%) \$139,978 (6%) \$913,642 (38%)

Volunteers (2022)

Number of volunteers361Hours worked18,417Dollar value of hours worked\$585,653

Giving (FY 2022)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county	3,061
Current (1yr) donors residing in county	1,399
Gifts to UF from county residents	\$3,280,166
Gifts to IFAS from county residents	\$88,794

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

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Citrus Research and Education Center

700 Experiment Station Road Lake Alfred, FL 33850-2299 863-956-1151 Director: Dr. Michael Rogers Email: mrgrs@ufl.edu Web: http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/ FY 2023 Expenditures: \$23,060,396

Client Satisfaction (2022)

Quality

96%

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

Effectiveness

73% 73% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

56%

Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2022)

Field and office consultations	1,181
Participants at group learning events	48,396
Phone and email consultations	19,996
Social media engagement	435,474
Educational materials created	1,430

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2022)

Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers340,124,479No. of producers who adopted recommended practices18,690No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical
activity practices, or improved health parameters55,285

Students and Alumni (Fall 2022)

UF students from county	825
CALS students from county	122
UF alumni residing in county	5,003
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county	814

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