**Economic Impacts (2019)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

- **81,902 jobs** (26.1% of total) in Polk County.
- **$4.43 billion** in Gross Regional Product.
- **17.3%** 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.  

*Alston, Andersen et al. (2010)*

**Client Satisfaction (2017)**

- **Quality**: *90%* Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.
- **Effectiveness**: *77%* Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
- **73%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.
- **Leverage**: *62%* Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Funding (FY 2022)**

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

**Volunteers (2021)**

- Number of volunteers: **313**
- Hours worked: **14,028**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$400,359**

**Giving (FY 2021)**

- Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county: **3,055**
- Current (1yr) donors residing in county: **1,469**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$5,497,073**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$163,749**

**Clientele Contacts (2021)**

- Field and office consultations: **739**
- Participants at group learning events: **13,274**
- Phone and email consultations: **18,852**
- Social media engagement: **240,082**
- Educational materials created: **552**

**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: **840**
- CALS students from county: **126**
- UF alumni residing in county: **4,983**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **813**

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FY 2022 Expenditures: $20,461,727

**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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