**POLK COUNTY**

**Economic Impacts (2017)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

- **77,520** jobs (26.8% of total) in Polk County.
- **$5.68** billion in Gross Regional Product.
- **25.2%** 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.

*Alston, Andersen et al. (2010)*

**Funding (FY 2019)**

- State funds for Extension: $1,191,806 (57%)
- Federal funds for Extension: $112,220 (5%)
- County funds for Extension: $778,839 (37%)

**Volunteers (2018)**

- Number of volunteers: 727
- Hours worked: 40,712
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$1,035,306**

**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)**

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

**Clientele Contacts (2018)**

- Field and office consultations: 3,044
- Participants at group learning events: **45,329**
- Phone and email consultations: 18,079
- Social media engagement: **204,209**
- Educational materials created: 1,405

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2018)**

- Gallons of water saved by residential participants: **386,541,761**
- No. of producers who adopted recommended practices: 8,543
- No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters: **47,638**

**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**

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FY 2019 Expenditures: **$20,329,687**

**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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