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 (2022)
Quality 96%
Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.
Effectiveness 73%
Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and... 73%
Said it solved their problem or answered their question.
Leverage 56%
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 (2022)
Number of volunteers 361
Hours worked 18,417
Dollar 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

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 landscapers 340,124,479
No. of producers who adopted recommended practices 18,690
No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters 55,285

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

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.

UF/IFAS Extension Polk County
1702 U.S. Hwy 17 S, PO Box 9005, HS03
Bartow, FL 33851-9005
863-519-1041
Director: Nicole Walker
Email: naw@ufl.edu
Web: http://polk.ifas.ufl.edu

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