SARASOTA COUNTY

**Economic Impacts (2018)**
Agricultural and related industries generate

- **48,290** jobs (19.2% of total) in Sarasota County.
- **$2.79** billion in Gross Regional Product.
- **14.2%** 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 2021)**
- State funds for Extension: **$1,650,304 (53%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$162,100 (5%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$1,443,075 (44%)**

**Volunteers (2020)**
- Number of volunteers: **355**
- Hours worked: **16,980**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$431,812**

**Giving (FY 2020)**
- Recent donors residing in county: **2,417**
- FY 2020 donors residing in county: **1,021**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$2,179,352**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$359,565**

**Client Satisfaction (2016)**
Quality
- **94%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness
- **75%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
- **77%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage
- **73%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts (2020)**
- Field and office consultations: **5,784**
- Participants at group learning events: **27,531**
- Phone and email consultations: **28,330**
- Social media engagement: **566,640**
- Educational materials created: **431**

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2020)**
- Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers: **344,958,268**
- No. of producers who adopted recommended practices: **17,589**
- No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters: **55,285**

**Students and Alumni (Fall 2020)**
- UF students from county: **839**
- CALS students from county: **77**
- UF alumni residing in county: **4,627**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **399**

4-H youth development to help residents, professionals, decision-makers and others build a better future.

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**EXTENSION:** A county, state and federal partnership, Sarasota County Extension delivers community initiatives, classes, and volunteer opportunities related to agriculture, gardening and landscaping, natural resources, nutrition and healthy living, sustainability, and the science of better living.