

**Economic Impacts (2019)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

**27,122** jobs (20.9% of total) in St. Lucie County.

**\$1.68** billion in Gross Regional Product.

**18.3%** 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)*

**Funding (FY 2021)**

State funds for Extension **\$681,282 (42%)**  
Federal funds for Extension **\$66,918 (4%)**  
County funds for Extension **\$856,757 (53%)**

**Volunteers (2020)**

Number of volunteers **441**  
Hours worked **12,824**  
Dollar value of hours worked **\$365,997**

**Giving (FY 2020)**

Recent donors residing in county **891**  
FY 2020 donors residing in county **349**  
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$167,448**  
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$5,594**

**Client Satisfaction (2015)**

Quality

**92%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

**62%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

**92%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

**72%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts (2020)**

Field and office consultations **693**  
Participants at group learning events **33,065**  
Phone and email consultations **41,124**  
Social media engagement **117,951**  
Educational materials created **309**

**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 **419**  
CALs students from county **62**  
UF alumni residing in county **2,129**  
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **351**

**EXTENSION:** 4-H youth life skills; Community Resource Development; Nutrition & food safety; Commercial & homeowner horticulture; Natural resource management; Fruit & alternative crops

**COMMODITIES:** Citrus, ornamental and vegetable crops, fisheries

**RESEARCH:** Horticulture, post-harvest management, entomology, plant pathology, virology, soil and water sciences, aquaculture, biological control of invasive plants and insects, pest management, agricultural engineering, plant root biology

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