ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Economic Impacts (2016)
Agricultural and related industries generate

23,859 jobs (21.2% of total) in St. Lucie County.

$1.31 billion in Gross Regional Product.

17.4% 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 (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.

Funding (FY 2019)
State funds for Extension $893,855 (51%)
Federal funds for Extension $84,165 (5%)
County funds for Extension $778,704 (44%)

Volunteers (2018)
Number of volunteers 1,674
Hours worked 41,828
Dollar value of hours worked $1,063,686

Giving (FY 2018)
Recent donors residing in county 2,402
FY 2018 donors residing in county 975
Gifts to UF from county residents $190,435
Gifts to IFAS from county residents $11,013

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2018)
Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers 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 2018)
UF students from county 420
CALS students from county 62
UF alumni residing in county 1,864
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county 321

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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