**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)*

**Funding (FY 2018)**

- State funds for Extension: **$954,641 (54%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$98,731 (6%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$717,164 (41%)**

**Volunteers (2017)**

- Number of volunteers: **986**
- Hours worked: **32,533**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$803,240**

**Giving (FY 2017)**

- Recent donors residing in county: **2,317**
- FY 2017 donors residing in county: **968**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$219,353**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$53,690**

**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...
- Leverage: **92%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.
- **72%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts (2017)**

- Field and office consultations: **2,516**
- Participants at group learning events: **46,849**
- Phone and email consultations: **14,419**
- Social media engagement: **71,511**
- Educational materials created: **234**

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2017)**

- Gallons of water saved by residential participants: **176,405,796**
- No. of producers who adopted recommended practices: **20,813**
- No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters: **56,562**

**Students and Alumni (Fall 2017)**

- UF students from county: **410**
- CALS students from county: **58**
- UF alumni residing in county: **1,789**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: **315**

**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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