Economic Impacts (2018)
Agricultural and related industries generate

- **7,969** jobs (45.8% of total) in Suwannee County.
- **$521 million** in Gross Regional Product.
- **44.4%** 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 2021)
- State funds for Extension **$975,515** (62%)
- Federal funds for Extension **$95,819** (6%)
- County funds for Extension **$508,131** (32%)

Volunteers (2020)
- Number of volunteers **185**
- Hours worked **3,330**
- Dollar value of hours worked **$95,038**

Giving (FY 2020)
- Recent donors residing in county **510**
- FY 2020 donors residing in county **239**
- Gifts to UF from county residents **$124,500**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents **$42,631**

Client Satisfaction (2019)
- Quality: **100%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.
- Effectiveness: **83%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
- **81%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.
- Leverage: **89%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2020)
- Field and office consultations **1,095**
- Participants at group learning events **6,834**
- Phone and email consultations **3,302**
- Social media engagement **28,852**
- Educational materials created **193**

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 **80**
- CALS students from county **17**
- UF alumni residing in county **673**
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **177**

EXTENSION: 4-H/youth development; ag production/marketing; livestock/forages, sustainable ag systems; landscaping/gardening; nutrition, diabetes ed., financial mgmt.; food safety/ preservation; community and workforce development; natural resources, and volunteer opportunities.  
COMMODITIES: Peanuts, corn, livestock, carrots, watermelons, sweet potatoes, forages/hay, snap peas, timber/pine straw, pecans, soybeans, peas, blueberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, tobacco, squash, grains, nursery crops.  
RESEARCH: The SVAEC supports over $31 million in UF/IFAS research projects related to fruit and vegetable crops, integrated pest mgmt, water quality and quantity, and food safety.