Economic Impacts (2017)
Agricultural and related industries generate

- **7,575** jobs (46.6% of total) in Suwannee County.
- **$484 million** in Gross Regional Product.
- **46.0%** 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 2019)
- State funds for Extension: $893,855 (60%)
- Federal funds for Extension: $84,165 (6%)
- County funds for Extension: $523,943 (35%)

Volunteers (2018)
- Number of volunteers: 187
- Hours worked: 5,974
- Dollar value of hours worked: $151,919

Giving (FY 2019)
- Recent donors residing in county: 494
- FY 2019 donors residing in county: 246
- Gifts to UF from county residents: $186,868
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: $104,090

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 (2018)
- Field and office consultations: 1,608
- Participants at group learning events: 26,632
- Phone and email consultations: 3,125
- Social media engagement: 261,284
- Educational materials created: 302

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2018)
- Gallons of water saved by residential participants: 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 2019)
- UF students from county: 75
- CALS students from county: 14
- UF alumni residing in county: 665
- UF/IFAS alumni residing in county: 179

EXTENSION: 4-H/youth development; ag production/marketing; livestock/forages, sustainable ag systems; landscaping/gardening; nutrition, diabetes ed., financial mgmt.; food safety/preservation; community development; workforce development; natural resources, and volunteer opportunities.  
COMMODITIES: Peanuts, corn, livestock, watermelons, carrots, 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.

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FY 2019 Expenditures: $1,454,403

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