**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%**

It is estimated that for every $1 invested in agricultural research and Extension, there is a return of $20 to the community.  

_Alfsten, Andersen et al. (2010)_

**Funding (FY 2020)**

- State funds for Extension: **$955,944 (61%)**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$98,738 (6%)**
- County funds for Extension: **$518,836 (33%)**

**Volunteers (2019)**

- Number of volunteers: **203**
- Hours worked: **12,818**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$348,650**

**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 (2019)**

- Field and office consultations: **1,095**
- Participants at group learning events: **29,629**
- Phone and email consultations: **2,496**
- Social media engagement: **76,254**
- Educational materials created: **182**

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2019)**

- Gallons of water saved by residential participants: **467,145,870**
- No. of producers who adopted recommended practices: **15,244**
- No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters: **51,697**

**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**

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FY 2020 Expenditures: $586,239

**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.