

Economic Impacts (2013)

Agricultural and related industries generate

8,894 jobs (73.8% of total) in Hardee County.

\$545.3 million in revenues.

68.1% 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 2015)

State funds for Extension	\$232,617 (52%)
Federal funds for Extension	\$27,391 (6%)
County funds for Extension	\$184,696 (42%)

Volunteers (2015)

Number of volunteers	87
Hours worked	6,555
Dollar value of hours worked	\$154,436

Giving (FY 2015)

Recent donors residing in county	239
FY 2015 donors residing in county	129
Gifts to UF from county residents	\$58,481
Gifts to IFAS from county residents	\$16,670

EXTENSION: 4-H youth, Family & consumer sciences, Alternative opportunities for small & part-time farmers, Home horticulture, Master Gardeners, Keeping waterways clean (Sea Grant)

Client Satisfaction (2006)

Quality

92% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

74% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

88% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

71% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2015)

Field and office consultations	1,695
Participants at group learning events	8,049
Phone and email consultations	7,208
Social media engagement	55,955
Educational materials created	317

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2015)

Clients reporting an increase in knowledge or skill	85%
Clients reporting a change in behavior or attitude	70%
Clients adopting best practices resulting in societal, economic, or environmental benefits to community	65%

Students and Alumni (Fall 2015)

UF students from county	17
CALS students from county	10
UF alumni residing in county	166
IFAS alumni residing in county	91

RESEARCH: Profitability of beef, Forage & field crops, Dairy production

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