

Economic Impacts (2013)

Agricultural and related industries generate

117,310 jobs (42.9% of total) in Polk County.

\$8.51 billion in revenues.

43.0% 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 2015)

State funds for Extension **\$3,279,391* (79%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$150,652 (3%)**
County funds for Extension **\$733,860 (18%)**

Volunteers (2015)

Number of volunteers **692**
Hours worked **47,284**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$1,114,011**

Giving (FY 2015)

Recent donors residing in county **6,543**
FY 2015 donors residing in county **3,399**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$3,510,103**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$8,727,839**

EXTENSION: Citrus production; Livestock production; Pesticide licensing/training; Small farms; Natural resources ; 4-H; FL-Friendly Landscape; EFNEP; Nutrition; Healthy living; Money mgmt; School/ community gardens

Client Satisfaction (2012)

Quality

84% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

94% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

82% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

77% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2015)

Field and office consultations **2,887**
Participants at group learning events **44,492**
Phone and email consultations **17,783**
Social media engagement **571,937**
Educational materials created **731**

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 **714**
CALS students from county **114**
UF alumni residing in county **4,612**
IFAS alumni residing in county **717**

RESEARCH: Discovers and delivers innovative solutions that empower citrus and other agricultural interests to conduct responsible and profitable business.

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