

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

8,686 jobs (24.3% of total) in Columbia County.

\$641 million in Gross Regional Product.

27.5% 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 2023)

State funds for Extension **\$716,688 (54%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$72,242 (5%)**
County funds for Extension **\$540,917 (41%)**

Volunteers (2023)

Number of volunteers **325**
Hours worked **5,118**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$171,402**

Giving (FY 2023)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **1,156**
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **427**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$473,688**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$12,681**

EXTENSION: 4-H; Nutrition & food safety; Agronomic crop sustainability; Financial management; Commercial & environmental horticulture; Natural resources; Sustainable ag for small farms; Livestock

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Client Satisfaction (2020)

Quality

76% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

78% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

57% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

59% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2023)

Field and office consultations **1,328**
Participants at group learning events **10,711**
Phone and email consultations **19,381**
Social media engagement **68,608**
Educational materials created **155**

Statewide Clientele Outcomes (2023)

Gallons of water saved by residents and landscapers **375,503,045**
No. of producers who adopted recommended practices **20,994**
No. of adults and youth reporting healthy eating or physical activity practices, or improved health parameters **39,157**

Students and Alumni (Fall 2023)

UF students from county **143**
CALs students from county **27**
UF alumni residing in county **1,372**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **197**