

Economic Impacts (2019)

Agricultural and related industries generate

6,968 jobs (48.8% of total) in DeSoto County.

\$427 million in Gross Regional Product.

45.1% 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 2023)

State funds for Extension **\$725,359 (72%)**
Federal funds for Extension **\$73,116 (7%)**
County funds for Extension **\$209,242 (21%)**

Volunteers (2023)

Number of volunteers **41**
Hours worked **1,016**
Dollar value of hours worked **\$34,026**

Giving (FY 2023)

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **92**
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **39**
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$25,318**
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$1,770**

EXTENSION: Beef production, Citrus Production, 4-H Youth Development, Career Development, Work Force Preparation, Life Skills, Pasture Management, Soil Testing, Animal Sci, Horticulture

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Client Satisfaction (2019)

Quality

85% Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

64% Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

62% Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

42% Clients who shared the information with someone else.

Clientele Contacts (2023)

Field and office consultations **137**
Participants at group learning events **2,910**
Phone and email consultations **4,262**
Social media engagement **13,949**
Educational materials created **57**

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 **14**
CALs students from county **1**
UF alumni residing in county **179**
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **58**