

**Economic Impacts (2019)**

Agricultural and related industries generate

**81,902** jobs (26.1% of total) in Polk County.

**\$4.43** billion in Gross Regional Product.

**17.3%** 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 **\$1,321,945 (56%)**  
Federal funds for Extension **\$133,251 (6%)**  
County funds for Extension **\$893,404 (38%)**

**Volunteers (2023)**

Number of volunteers **419**  
Hours worked **23,119**  
Dollar value of hours worked **\$774,255**

**Giving (FY 2023)**

Recent (5yrs) donors residing in county **2,987**  
Current (1yr) donors residing in county **1,240**  
Gifts to UF from county residents **\$2,779,750**  
Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$95,848**

**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 (2022)**

Quality

**96%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

Effectiveness

**73%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...

**73%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

Leverage

**56%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Clientele Contacts (2023)**

Field and office consultations **925**  
Participants at group learning events **23,808**  
Phone and email consultations **21,892**  
Social media engagement **287,286**  
Educational materials created **520**

**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 **892**  
CALs students from county **120**  
UF alumni residing in county **5,104**  
UF/IFAS alumni residing in county **832**

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

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