**ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

of agriculture, natural resources and related industries in Florida

Agriculture, natural resources and related industries are an economic powerhouse in Florida, providing more than 2 million jobs, $141.8 billion in direct output (revenues), $119.9 billion in value added contributions, and accounting for 14.9 percent of total economic activity in 2012.1

According to an extensive analysis published in 2010 by a team of agricultural economists, for every $1 invested in U.S. agricultural research and development there’s a return of $20 in benefits for increased agricultural productivity:2 The State of Florida invests more than $150 million annually in UF/IFAS agricultural research and Extension. In return, this investment contributes about $3 billion in economic benefits to the state, based on the 20:1 benefit-cost ratio.

Driven by innovation and new technology, agriculture and related industries will continue to increase jobs and economic well-being in Florida.

This sheet and additional information can be found at [http://ifas.ufl.edu/economicimpacts.html](http://ifas.ufl.edu/economicimpacts.html).

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