Economic Impacts

**Agricultural and related industries generate**

- **8,391** jobs (67.9% of total) in Hardee County.
- **$0.48 billion** in revenues.
- **63.4%** contribution to gross regional product.  
  Based on a 2011 UF study

It is estimated that for every $1 invested in agricultural research and extension, there is a return of **$10** to the community.  
Based on a 2007 USDA study

**Statewide Client Satisfaction**

**Quality**
- **95%** Residents who used Extension services and were satisfied with the service provided.

**Effectiveness**
- **79%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the information received, and...
- **87%** Said it solved their problem or answered their question.

**Leverage**
- **72%** Clients who shared the information with someone else.

**Funding**

- State funds for Extension: **$311,860**
- Federal funds for Extension: **$38,366**
- County funds for Extension: **$101,258**

**Volunteers**

- Number of volunteers: **136**
- Hours worked: **5,316**
- Dollar value of hours worked: **$117,696**

**Giving**

- Recent donors residing in county: **217**
- FY 2013 donors residing in county: **109**
- Gifts to UF from county residents: **$80,495**
- Gifts to IFAS from county residents: **$8,518**

**Clientele Contacts**

- Field and office consultations: **6,174**
- Participants at group learning events: **7,425**
- Phone and email consultations: **136**

**Statewide Clientele Outcomes**

- Clients reporting an increase in knowledge or skill: **87%**
- Clients reporting a change in behavior or attitude: **75%**
- Clients adopting best practices resulting in societal, economic, or environmental benefits to community: **67%**

**Students and Alumni**

- UF students from county: **10**
- CALS students from county: **6**
- UF alumni residing in county: **152**
- IFAS alumni residing in county: **76**

**EXTENSION:** 4-H youth, Family & consumer sciences, Alternative opportunities for small & part-time farmers, Home horticulture, Master Gardeners, Keeping waterways clean (Sea Grant)

**RESEARCH:** Profitability of beef, Forage & field crops, Dairy production

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