

## Economic Impacts

### Agricultural and related industries generate

**5,727** jobs (21.2% of total) in  
Columbia County.

**\$0.26** billion in revenues.

**15.8%** contribution to gross regional product.

*Based on a 2009 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*

## Funding

State funds for Extension **\$498,747**

Federal funds for Extension **\$153,623**

County funds for Extension **\$319,190**

## Volunteers

Number of volunteers **269**

Hours worked **8,980**

Dollar value of hours worked **\$191,813**

## Giving

Recent donors residing in county **2,016**

FY 2011 donors residing in county **1,257**

Gifts to UF from county residents **\$407,517**

Gifts to IFAS from county residents **\$2,260**

## Statewide Client Satisfaction

### Quality

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

### Effectiveness

**80%** Clients who had an opportunity to use the  
information received, and...

**90%** Said it solved their problem or answered their  
question.

### Leverage

**75%** Clients who shared the information with  
someone else.

## Clientele Contacts

Field and office consultations **17,861**

Participants at group learning events **21,742**

Phone and email consultations **4,635**

Educational materials created **183**

## Statewide Clientele Outcomes

Clients reporting an increase in knowledge or skill **86%**

Clients reporting a change in behavior or attitude **78%**

Clients adopting best practices resulting in societal,  
economic, or environmental benefits to community **68%**

## Students and Alumni

UF students from county **163**

CALS students from county **21**

UF alumni residing in county **1,120**

IFAS alumni residing in county **164**

**EXTENSION:** 4-H; Nutrition & food safety; Agronomic crop sustain-  
ability; Financial mgmt; Commercial & environmental horticulture;  
Natural resources; Sustainable ag for small farms

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