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UF/IFAS EXTENSION

UF/IFAS EXTENSION IS A STATEWIDE NETWORK OF EXPERTS that fulfills the UF/IFAS outreach mission by partnering with communities to provide high-quality, relevant education and research-based expertise to foster healthy people, healthy environments and healthy communities.

Website: **https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu**   Social Media: **https://ifas.ufl.edu/social-media**

WHO WE ARE

As a land-grant institution, UF needs a statewide presence to serve citizens in every part of Florida. UF/IFAS Extension meets this need, providing science-based information to residents and producers, and relaying concerns and questions to UF/IFAS researchers when appropriate.

Besides operating offices in all 67 Florida counties, UF/IFAS Extension employs state specialists who are appointed to UF/IFAS' 14 academic departments and two schools, and who are stationed at the UF main campus and 17 off-campus locations. Furthermore, UF/IFAS Extension reaches clients in Florida and beyond via print and online resources, video and social media.

UF/IFAS Extension agents form the backbone of the program; 362 are employed statewide as of fall 2020. Most agents have positions that are dedicated to one or more broad topics, such as horticultural crops, commercial agriculture, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, community resource development, Sea Grant or natural resources.

In addition, UF/IFAS Extension employs 279 statewide specialists, who provide insightful guidance to producers dealing with high-value crops and other concerns. These specialists address fruit and vegetable production, agronomic crops, livestock, seafood, aquaculture, urban horticulture, family resources, youth development and more.

UF/IFAS Extension is funded by federal, state and county sources and we have faculty working in every Florida county. This situation has the effect of keeping UF/IFAS Extension personnel in close contact with local leaders, focusing on local concerns via grassroots engagement.

WHAT WE DO

All UF/IFAS Extension offices disseminate science-based information to clients, helping them solve problems related to agriculture, horticulture, natural resources, water, energy, youth, families and community issues. To accomplish their objectives, UF/IFAS Extension personnel conduct educational events, distribute educational materials and answer questions from callers and visitors.

Many agents travel to producers' operations to provide on-site advice and perform another important function by relaying producers' needs and concerns back to UF/IFAS research faculty for assessment and action.

Additionally, UF/IFAS Extension offers training and professional development opportunities to personnel in agriculture and related industries, administers the Florida 4-H Youth Development Program, the Florida Master Naturalist Program and the Florida Master Gardener Program, and maintains a massive online Extension document library, the Electronic Data Information Source (EDIS).

GOALS

1. Increasing the sustainability, profitability and competitiveness of Florida's agricultural and natural resources industries.

2. Enhancing and protecting water and supply.

3. Enhancing and conserving Florida's natural resources and environmental quality.

4. Producing and conserving traditional and alternative forms of energy.

5. Empowering individuals and families to lead healthy, successful lives.

6. Strengthening urban and rural communities.

7. Preparing youth to be responsible, successful adults.

UF/IFAS EXTENSION CONNECTIONS

In 2020, UF/IFAS Extension made

45,696,514
CONNECTIONS

Social Media Engagement	Web Visits	Group Learning Participants	Email Consultations	Phone Consultations	Office Consultations	Field or Site Visits	Educational Materials Produced
33,741,005	9,530,075	1,150,745	1,028,266	165,206	53,618	27,599	29,627

Source: UF/IFAS Workload Database

VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS

In 2020, UF/IFAS Extension had

19,888
VOLUNTEERS

who gave

567,434
HOURS OF SERVICE

$16,194,566 value[1]

Source: UF/IFAS Workload Database
[1]2020 National Value of Volunteer Time = $28.54/hr, independentsector.org

USE OF INFORMATION

In 2020, of participants surveyed,

71%

of those who used UF/IFAS Extension information said it **SOLVED THEIR PROBLEM**

Source: Program Development and Evaluation Center

MAKING AN IMPACT

344,958,268
GALLONS OF WATER SAVED...
ENOUGH WATER TO SUPPLY

3,920 HOUSEHOLDS WITH WATER FOR ONE YEAR

Source: Program Development & Evaluation Center
http://pdec.ifas.ufl.edu//impacts/landscapewaterconservation.pdf

In 2020, of participants surveyed,

96% reported some benefit

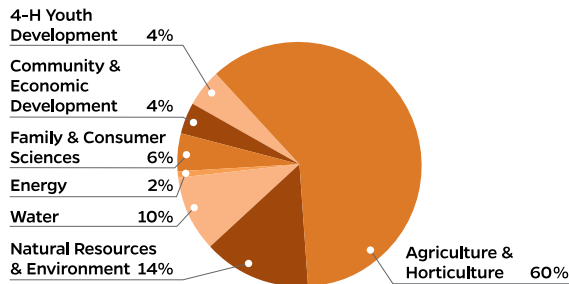**46%** developed skills as a leader or volunteer
36% improved their health or well-being
32% conserved more water or energy
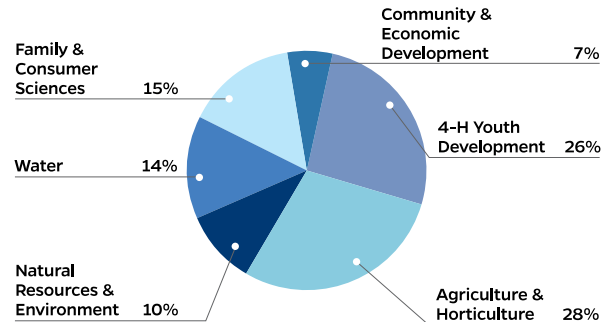**31%** saved money or increased income

STATE FACULTY BY PROGRAM AREA

State Extension faculty work with UF/IFAS researchers and county faculty to deliver new information and technology to assist Florida residents in solving problems.

- 4-H Youth Development 4%
- Community & Economic Development 4%
- Family & Consumer Sciences 6%
- Energy 2%
- Water 10%
- Natural Resources & Environment 14%
- Agriculture & Horticulture 60%

COUNTY FACULTY BY PROGRAM AREA

County faculty develop and deliver programs to Florida citizens based on input from local advisory committees, county commissioners and volunteers in collaboration with state faculty.

- Family & Consumer Sciences 15%
- Water 14%
- Natural Resources & Environment 10%
- Community & Economic Development 7%
- 4-H Youth Development 26%
- Agriculture & Horticulture 28%

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

In 2020, the following percentages of clientele reported that UF/IFAS Extension's information was:

97% up-to-date & accurate

94% delivered on time

95% easy to understand

88% relevant

Source: Program Development and Evaluation Center

UF/IFAS EXTENSION FUNDING SOURCES

In 2020-2021, UF/IFAS Extension received

$122,463,959

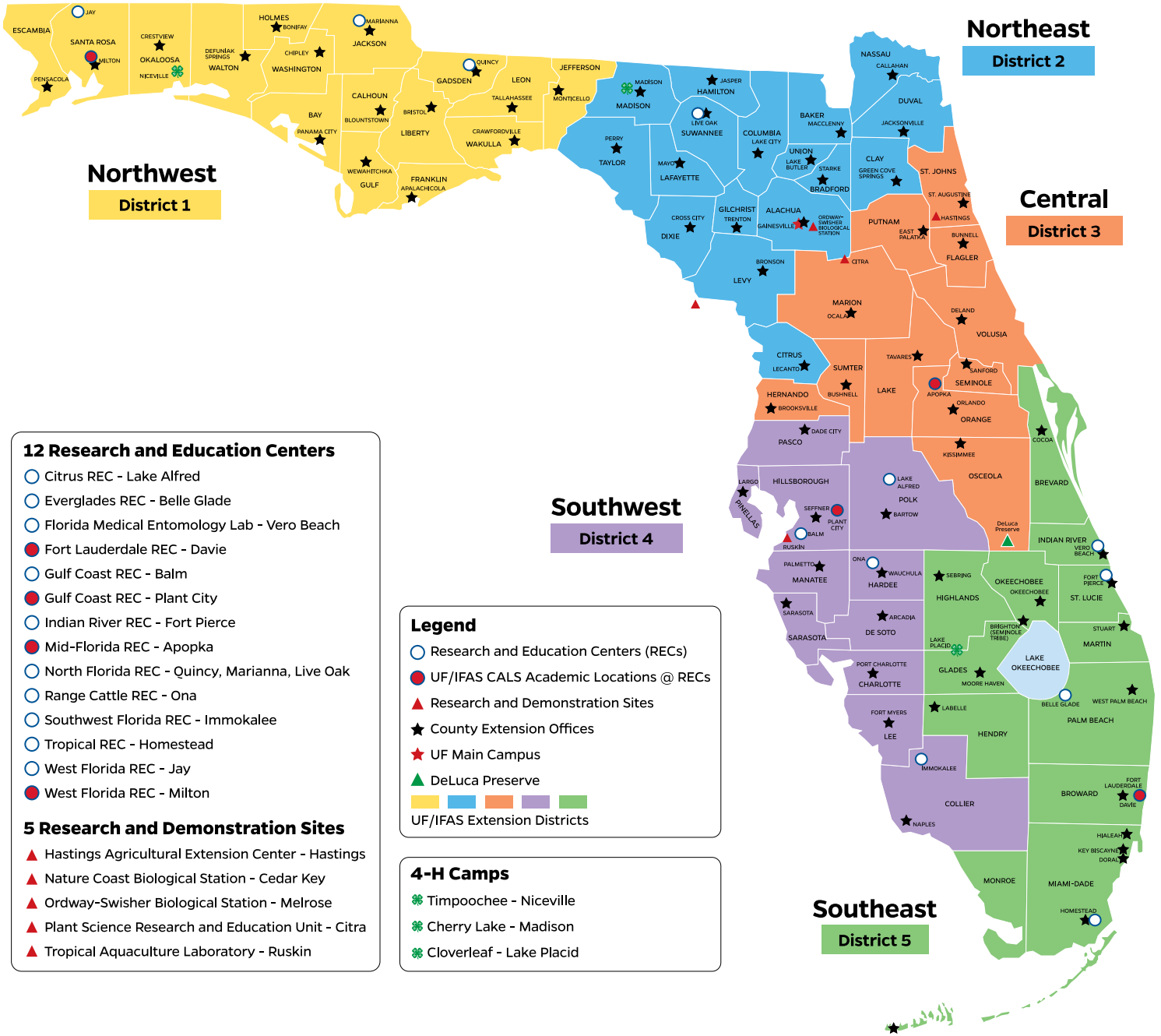| $5,041,560	$51,327,099	$35,850,767	$30,244,533
Federal[1]	State[2]	County	Contracts & Grants
4%	42%	29%	25%

Source: UF/IFAS Extension Administration Office and UF Office of Research

[1]Federal funding includes Smith-Lever dollars only.
[2]Does not include grants and contracts.

UF/IFAS STATEWIDE OPERATIONS

Northwest
District 1

Northeast
District 2

Central
District 3

Southwest
District 4

Southeast
District 5

12 Research and Education Centers

○ Citrus REC - Lake Alfred
○ Everglades REC - Belle Glade
○ Florida Medical Entomology Lab - Vero Beach
🔴 Fort Lauderdale REC - Davie
○ Gulf Coast REC - Balm
🔴 Gulf Coast REC - Plant City
○ Indian River REC - Fort Pierce
🔴 Mid-Florida REC - Apopka
○ North Florida REC - Quincy, Marianna, Live Oak
○ Range Cattle REC - Ona
○ Southwest Florida REC - Immokalee
○ Tropical REC - Homestead
○ West Florida REC - Jay
🔴 West Florida REC - Milton

5 Research and Demonstration Sites

▲ Hastings Agricultural Extension Center - Hastings
▲ Nature Coast Biological Station - Cedar Key
▲ Ordway-Swisher Biological Station - Melrose
▲ Plant Science Research and Education Unit - Citra
▲ Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory - Ruskin

Legend

○ Research and Education Centers (RECs)
🔴 UF/IFAS CALS Academic Locations @ RECs
▲ Research and Demonstration Sites
★ County Extension Offices
⭐ UF Main Campus
▲ DeLuca Preserve
UF/IFAS Extension Districts

4-H Camps

✿ Timpoochee - Niceville
✿ Cherry Lake - Madison
✿ Cloverleaf - Lake Placid

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