

UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County



**ECONOMIC IMPACTS**  
*of AGRICULTURE in*  
*Alachua County*



## Does Agriculture Work for Alachua County?

Alachua County may be known as the Home of the Gators, but Agriculture is one of its economic pillars. In Alachua County, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and related industries are ranked:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest employer
- 4<sup>th</sup> in total value added of all industries
- 5<sup>th</sup> among all industry groups in output
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in exports

## Agriculture Provides Jobs

- 37,147 jobs
- 23% of county's workforce
- Jobs for crop and livestock consultants, farm employees, construction, suppliers, machinery dealers, farm owners and managers, landscape management professionals, pest control operators, veterinarians, food processing, delivery, finance and insurance, and other value added industries
- Each job in agriculture generates an additional 1.12 jobs in the county

## Agriculture Supports Local Business

- \$284 million in business sales
- Every dollar of sales from agriculture products generates an additional \$1.80 of business sales in other parts of the county's economy
- Agriculture supports banking, real estate, legal services, transportation, packaging, food distributors, marketing firms and agriculture related businesses
- \$679,000 in direct farm sales to CSAs, farmers markets, roadside stands and u-pick operations



## Agriculture Generates Revenue

- \$188.3 million in property, sales and fuel taxes
- 16% of the gross regional product
- \$1.7 billion in total revenues

## Agriculture Improves Land Value

- 54% of county land used for Agriculture
- 340,231 acres
- 98% of farms in Alachua County are small farms, and 88% are individually or family owned
- Environmental benefits include green space, preservation of wetlands, water storage, ground water recharge, flood control, preservation of wildlife habitat, and a buffer between urban and natural areas

## Agriculture Adds Value

- Livestock value: \$27,038,000
- Crop value, including nursery & greenhouse: \$65,039,000
- Value added impact to Alachua County: \$255.4 million

*Agriculture Accounts for*  
**37,147**  
*Jobs in Alachua County*





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## *Value Added Impact to Alachua County*

# \$255.4 MILLION

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## Agriculture—Working Hard for Alachua County Every Day

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