



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FUNDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

USDA investments help Florida's farmers feed the world, grow their businesses and plan a strong future for the state's \$160B agricultural industry.



\$92M annual awards

\$1.8B economic benefits

2.5M agricultural jobs

IMPACT

\$92M in annual USDA awards to UF:

- Return \$1.8B in economic benefits, based on national estimates
- Support Extension agents in each of Florida's 67 counties providing 2 million consultations on topics from livestock care, to pest management, to irrigation for the state's farmers every year
- Help support the state's 2.5 million agricultural jobs

ADVANCEMENTS

USDA investments save farmers money, advance key agricultural industries and develop technology for the future of farming.

- **Securing Citrus' Future:** A new kind of citrus tree developed and tested at UF can fight off the parasite responsible for citrus greening, helping farmers plan for a strong citrus industry in Florida.
- **Protecting Honey Bees — and Crops:** Dozens of researchers are identifying treatments to defend America's smallest farm animal — the honey bee — which pollinates the fruits and vegetables that make up 25% of the average diet as part of the \$20B pollination industry.
- **Defending Turfgrass:** Scientists are protecting the \$14.3B turfgrass industry in Florida by developing ways to battle nematodes and other pests that threaten growers' businesses, and homeowners' lawns.
- **Fencing Upgrades:** Researchers are testing fencing alternatives that allow cattle ranchers to remotely manage their herds from anywhere, protecting their cattle and saving money.

Sources: UF Research annual report, UF/IFAS

