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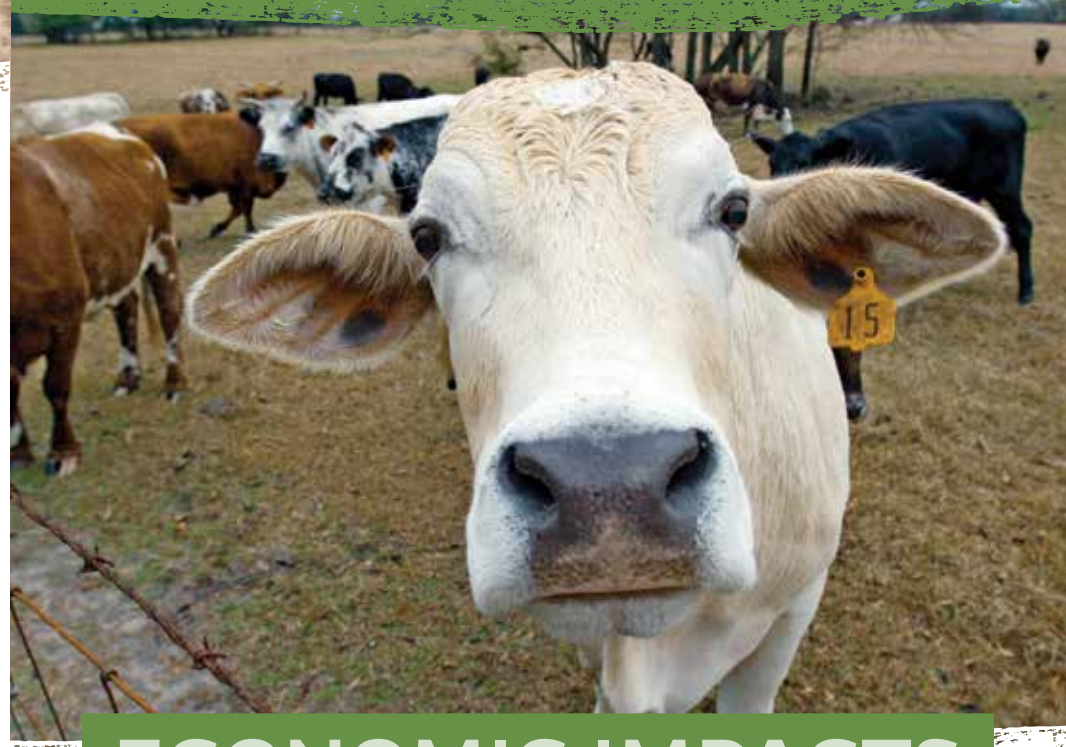
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ALACHUA
COUNTY

**\$255.4
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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:

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

Agriculture Provides Jobs

- 27,223 jobs
- 17.5% 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

- 10.4% of the gross regional product
- \$1.04 billion in total revenues
- \$188.3 million in property, sales and fuel taxes

Agriculture Improves Land Value

- 54% of county land used for Agriculture
- 187,985 total acres
 - 37.5% Pastureland
 - 31.3% Cropland
 - 22.4% Timberland
 - 8.8% Other
- 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 Sales: \$31,862,000
- Crop Sales, including nursery & greenhouse: \$69,295,000
- Value added impact to Alachua County: \$255.4 million

AGRICULTURE ACCOUNTS FOR
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 IN ALACHUA COUNTY

