

About
**UF/IFAS Extension
Nassau County**

Mission

The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) is a federal, state, and county partnership dedicated to developing knowledge in agriculture, human and natural resources, and the life sciences and to making that knowledge accessible to sustain and enhance the quality of human life.

Extension Agents & Program Areas

Kelsey Irvine & Spencer Hewitt

- 4-H Youth Development

David Hebert

- Agriculture
- Natural Resources
- Master Naturalist Program

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- Family Consumer Sciences

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- Horticulture (Community, Commercial, and Residential)
- Master Gardener Volunteer Program
- County Extension Director

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High-Priority Initiatives

- [Initiative #1](#) - Increasing the sustainability, profitability, and competitiveness of agricultural and horticultural enterprises.
- [Initiative #2](#) - Enhancing and protecting water quality, quantity, and supply.
- [Initiative #3](#) - Enhancing and conserving Florida's natural resources and environmental quality.
- [Initiative #4](#) - Producing and conserving traditional and alternative forms of energy.
- [Initiative #5](#) - Empowering individuals and families to build healthy lives and achieve social and economic success.
- [Initiative #6](#) - Strengthening urban and rural community resources and economic development.
- [Initiative #7](#) - Preparing youth to be responsible citizens and productive members of the workforce.



Agriculture



Youth Development

2023 Impact Highlights

- 6271 Volunteer Hours from Master Gardener Volunteers and 4-H Youth Development Volunteers.
- Five communities adopted Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program language into their codes/covenants/restrictions.
- Estimated 3,554,738 gallons of water saved (a \$10,558 value), as a result of adopting landscape best management practices.
- 7,380 youth who demonstrated behavior change in subject matter.
- 125 agricultural clients adopted one or more agricultural BMPs to improve soil health and reduce irrigation, pesticides, and fertilizer requirements - an economic and environmental impact.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) saved residents \$33,000 in filing fees.
- Medicare program provided a \$50,000 consultation value and \$10,000 in prescription drug cost savings.

2023 Successes

- Hired new 4-H Youth Development Agent
- Relocated into new county extension office
- Started new Forest-Ecology 4-H Team
- Follow the Water program awarded Environmental Stewardship Award
- Extension Agents spoke at multiple international, national, and state conferences.

FY 2022-2023 Return on Investment

- Grants - \$48,898
- Donations & additional income - \$59,088
- Estimated Values
 - Programs, 821, \$112,312.80
 - Site Visits, 423, \$28,933.20
 - Contacts, 3629, \$62,055.90
 - Tabling Exhibits, 18, \$819.72
 - Volunteer Hours, 6271, \$165,052.72
 - Articles, 52, \$6,181.76
 - Analyses/tests, 318, \$6,360.00
 - Estimated Program Impacts: \$93,000
- TOTAL: \$582,702
- FY 22-23 Budget: 423,373 (not including building cost)
- ROI - For every \$1 invested, the county received \$1.41 in return.

