Duval County’s agriculture and natural resource industries contribute over $2 billion annually to Jacksonville’s economy.
MISSION
To promote, educate, aid, represent and protect agriculture and related industries in Duval County.

VISION
To be recognized as the advocate for the agriculture community in Duval County.

IMPACT
Agricultural and natural resource industries are essential contributors to Duval County’s economy. These industries are comprised of a set of interlinked enterprises associated with production, processing and service activities for food and fiber products.

The county has over 95,000¹ acres in agricultural and managed timber production. These lands are used in producing fruits, vegetables, nursery plants, dairy and meat products, forest products, seafood and an array of associated industries that provide supporting inputs and services. In the year 2010, the agricultural and natural resource sectors impacted 25,203 jobs that generated $1 billion in labor income to its employees.

Value of Duval County Agriculture and Natural Resources²-⁶

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION
Dairy, beef, horses, goats, sheep and poultry make up the 8,701 head of livestock in Duval County.

SMALL FARMS
There are 331 small farms on 26,774 acres with an average of 72 acres. There are approximately 40 diversified farms producing mostly pecans, blueberries, and grapes.

FORESTRY
There is a total of 231,854 acres of forest and wildlife habitat in Duval County. The value-added impact of forest product manufacturing is $830 million with the industry impacting 10,374 jobs.

PEST MANAGEMENT COMPANIES
Approximately 183 pest control companies, employing 1,735 professionals, service over 100,000 customers throughout the county, providing general household pest control, termite control, fumigation services, and lawn and ornamental pest management.

NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE INDUSTRY
Duval County’s Nursery and Landscape Industry ranks eighth in the state with 7,567 jobs, generating $443 million dollars in sales annually.

GOLF TURF
There are 26 golf courses in Duval County, covering approximately 2,852 acres. This industry is an important part of the tourist industry in Northeast Florida.

TOTAL AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES VALUE-ADDED IMPACTS .............. $2 BILLION
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACTS ................................................................. 25,203 JOBS

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