





HENDRY COUNTY

About 40% of Hendry County is within the CHNEP area. The total economic impact of natural resources in Hendry County within the CHNEP area is approximately \$734.3 million annually. The primary driver in the county is agriculture followed by natural resource-based recreation (primarily tourism). Agriculture is dominated by fresh market crops, ranching and timber, although citrus is a significant component. As Hendry County is inland, there are not commercial fishing impact attributable.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Natural resources in the CHNEP region generate economic impacts for Hendry County through:

			
Annual Recreation Spending	Annual Commercial Fishing Production	Annual Agriculture Production Value	Property Value Impacts*
\$114,277,000	N/A	\$493,405,000	\$25,888,000

*not annualized

Annual spending driven by natural resources in the CHNEP area **creates indirect spending through other businesses and induced spending through jobs as well as tax revenues.** The table below shows the components of the annual economic impacts in Hendry County:

Activity	Total Output	Labor Income	Value Added	Jobs
Recreation	\$89,719,000	\$25,506,000	\$41,366,000	
Commercial Fishing	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Agriculture	\$644,533,000	\$380,976,000	\$430,154,000	
Total	\$734,252,000	\$406,482,000	\$471,519,000	10,566



RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Capital investments in protection of natural resources in **Hendry County** result in a net fiscal benefit of **\$14,596,000**. Fiscal impacts include tax revenues from resource-based activity, improved property values, and return on investment from specific capital projects. In Hendry County, fiscal benefits are primarily driven by spending in agriculture and recreation sectors.



ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

Hendry County benefits from a number of ecological restoration projects including the Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir which will help water supply for agriculture, recreation, water quality improvements, and improvements to habitat. The C-43 Reservoir will also promote a healthy salinity balance in the estuary, thereby reducing saltwater migration into the freshwater portion of the estuary. Net benefits are expected to exceed costs by a ratio of 1.18:1, or return \$1.18 for every \$1.00 invested.