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Summary

Passionate about small organic farms and committed to soil health. Experienced in vegetable production, maintaining organic certification, directing farm operations, strategic planning, and customer retention and outreach.

Experience

University of Florida, FL - Extension Agent

March 2025 - Present

Sustainable Food Systems Extension Agent

- Work with crop farmers to come up with solutions to their questions
- Study manuals: pesticide applicators, BMPs,
- Study crop production
- Develop classes and programs to educate farmers and interested clientele (near future)

Honeyside Farms, Parrish, FL — Farm Manager

April 2019 - June 2024

10 acre certified organic vegetable farm with responsibilities including:

- Maintained organic & food safety certification
- Managed Farmer's Market stand, CSA, & restaurant customers & logistics
- Labor & volunteer coordination including a spanish speaking workforce
- Crop yield data and production cost analysis
- Crop planning
- Soil, irrigation, input, greenhouse, pest management
- Planting, scouting, harvesting, washing, packing & deliveries
- Tractor & equipment maintenance and operation
- Experienced in full process of bed prep & plastic mulch application

Other Experience

- Occasional help with Naples Farmers Market for Mondragon Farm
- 1:1 Farm consulting for a private client June-November 2024
- Terrapy Farms, FL - Farm labor 8 hrs/week June-November 2024
- Six River Farm, ME - farm labor during Honeyside off season (June - July)

- **Locus Agricultural Solutions:** 6 month research & development Internship 2018-19
- **Bok Tower Gardens** Internship - 3 months full time 2017
- **Field and Fork Farm** Internship - 3 years part time farm labor while at UF
- **Wheat breeding** lab assistant - 2018, 3 months full time
- **Blueberry breeding** lab assistant - 2017-2018 part time

Education

University of Florida, — B.S. *Plant Science: sustainable food production*

August 2015 - August 2018

Skills

- Soil and Crop health
- Social Media & email newsletters
- Whole Farm Management
- Crop Nutrition & Irrigation
- IPM
- Calibrating and applying organic inputs via tractor trailer sprayers and backpack sprayers