



Agriculture Day

February 14, 2018

7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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Day Co-Chairs: Caroline Villanueva (Class 2014) and Keith Wedgworth (Class 2012)
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DAY THEME: Discovering the multi-dimensional impact of Agriculture in Palm Beach County

KEY ISSUES:

- Knowing where your food comes from
- How current market trends such as buying local, made in America, effect local producers and marketing decisions
- Managing volatility/risk in commodity markets and their impact on local agriculture
- Understanding water management and agricultural/urban uses connections
- Economic ties to communities

KEY OBJECTIVES:

- Obtain a better understanding of the economic impact of agriculture in Palm Beach County
- Obtain a better understanding of the diversity of agriculture in Palm Beach County
- Form a better understanding of water management and the Everglades ecosystem
- Form a better understanding of the science behind farming

MEETING LOCATION: Everglades Equipment Group, 13295 Southern Boulevard, Loxahatchee, FL 33470

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ATTIRE: Long pants, flat closed-toe rubber soled sneakers or boots, no sleeveless shirts and avoid wearing any loose-fitting clothing. We will be touring farm fields, packing houses and a mill. Please refrain from wearing jewelry. Floors can be slippery and you will be walking/ standing most of the day, wear comfortable shoes that you don't mind getting dirty. You may also want to bring a light jacket for packing house tour. Please remember your nametags.

Agriculture Day Agenda February 14, 2018

7:15 a.m. Park in designated grass lot at Everglades Equipment Group.
Breakfast.

7:30 a.m. Caroline and Keith frame Ag Day.
Host: David Lively



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8 a.m. Bus departs for Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) farming region
Overview of Palm Beach County Agriculture
Art Kirstein, Agricultural Economic Development Coordinator
UF IFAS / PBC Office of Agriculture Economic Development

8:30 – 10 a.m. R&D and Precision Agriculture – Science, Technology in Agriculture
Florida Crystals Agricultural Center of Excellence
Visit greenhouse, tissue culture lab, drones and tractor

10 a.m. Bus departs for sugar cane harvest
Host: Barbara Miedema, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida
Vice President of Public Affairs (Class of 1993)



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11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Tellus
Host: Matt Hoffman, President, Tellus (Class of 2012)

Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida – raw sugar warehouse
Host: Barbara Miedema (Class of 1993)

12:15 p.m. Bus departs for University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences Everglades
Research and Education Center (EREC)

12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch
Overview of UF IFAS EREC – Where Science and Agriculture Collaborate



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Meet EAA farmers and growers
Meet Martha Lynn Weeks of Lighthouse Café

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Lunch catered by: Ms. Gail Rushing – Southern Favorites (with local grown veggies)

1:50 p.m.

Bus departs

2:10 p.m.

Pioneer Growers
Host: Gene Duff, Vice President Pioneer Growers (Class of 2012)

3:00 p.m.

Bus departs

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3:20 p.m.

Leafy Greens Field Harvest
Host: Stephen Basore, TKM Bengard Farms

4 p.m.

Bus departs

4:30 p.m.

Radish Field Operation
Host: Eric Hopkins, Senior Vice President, Hundley Farms (Class of 1995)

5 p.m.

Bus departs. Day debrief.

5:30 p.m.

Arrive at Everglades Equipment Group in Loxahatchee.

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