

SMALL FARMS PROGRAM

UF/IFAS EXTENSION, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Our program focuses on the challenges and opportunities facing Hillsborough County small farms, and aims to educate the next generation of small farmers. Agents provide science-based information, hands-on activities, and educational assistance to develop the skills and competencies in agriculture. Part-time and full-time farmers will benefit from a wide array of activities including field trips, demonstrations, workshops, and seminars.



WHAT IS A FARM?
Any establishment that produces or sells **at least \$1,000** in agricultural products per year.
-U.S. Census

WHAT IS A SMALL FARM?
A farm with a gross cash farm income (GCFI) of **less than \$250,000**
-U.S. Department of Agriculture



89% have sales of less than \$100,000 per year
83% operate on fewer than 50 acres
55% Farming is not the primary occupation of the principle operator
57 Average Age of Farmers

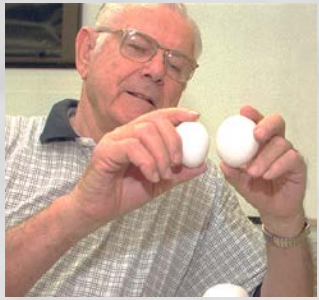
3,000 Farms in Hillsborough County
\$54,304 Average Farming Net Income



PROGRAMS

ALTERNATIVE ENTERPRISES

- Business Planning
- Food Safety
- Livestock Management
- Pasture Management
- Hydroponics
- Tropical Fruits
- Agro-tourism
- Aquaculture
- Bee Keeping
- Mushrooms
- Bio-Fuel



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