



Operation Transition Workshop

Nov. 18
9 a.m.-noon

Osceola Organic Farm
www.osceolaorganicfarm.com
6980 33rd St., Vero Beach, FL
772-231-9167

Free, lunch provided

Registration limited, priority will be given to farmers not currently using organic methods



Learn about diverse vegetable production, crop rotation, soil fertility and organic approaches to pest and disease control. The workshop is a part of a project that provides free, ongoing expert crop advisor services for growers interested in transitioning to organic or simply reducing their use of pesticides.

Speakers

Kevin O'Dare, Owner, Osceola Organic Farm

Kevin is the owner of Osceola Organic Farm, a mixed-vegetable operation specializing in field greens that has been Certified Organic since 1996. With a farm stand on location, and increasing interest from local restaurants and farmers market patrons, Osceola Organic Farm has diversified its marketing and experimented with new technologies and production practices to stay successful. In late 2009, the farm hosted the second Farmer-Chef Summit that brought together dozens of restaurants and growers. O'Dare has been an organic inspector since 1996, and has inspected more than 500 farms and processing facilities throughout Florida and the Caribbean. He is a committee member of the USDA Farm Service Agency.

Marty Mesh, Executive Director, Florida Organic Growers

Marty became committed to organic agriculture and sustainable food systems while a farmworker in 1972, and in 1976 helped start Bellevue Gardens Organic Farm in Archer, Florida. Marty helped form Florida Certified Organic Growers & Consumers, Inc. (FOG) in 1989 and has served as Executive Director since 1995. FOG's certification program, Quality Certification Services, certifies Osceola Organic Farm in accordance with U.S. National Organic Program Standards.

Dan O. Chellemi, Ph.D., Research Plant Pathologist, U. S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service

Specializes in alternatives to methyl bromide soil fumigation for vegetable production and has been working with Osceola Organic Farm owner Kevin O'Dare since 1997 researching the use of solarization to control pests, weeds and disease.

Erin N. Rosskopf, Ph.D., Microbiologist/Weed Scientist, U. S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service

Erin also has a major focus on developing and evaluating alternatives to methyl bromide fumigation for vegetable production.

For more information visit www.foginfo.org/epa, call 352.377.6345 or e-mail matt@foginfo.org.



Operation Transition Workshop Registration Form

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Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., lunch provided

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Vegetarian Lunch

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____

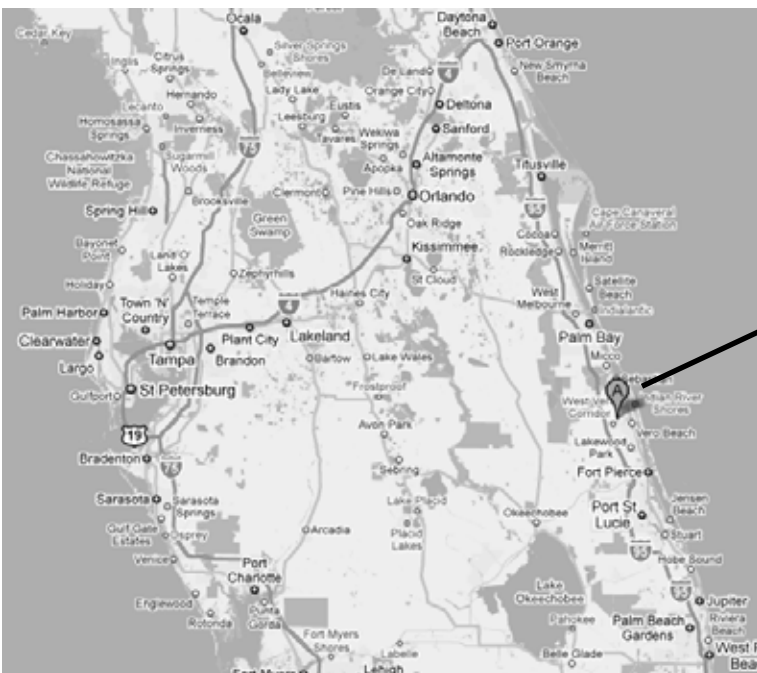
Are you a farmer? Yes If yes, how many acres do you farm and what do you farm?

No If no, please explain your interest in the workshop.

Is any portion of your farm currently using organic farming methods? If yes, how many acres?

Are you considering transitioning to organic production? Why?

Mail registration form to P.O. Box 12311, Gainesville, FL 32604, fax to 352.377.8363, call 352.377.6345 or e-mail matt@foginfo.org. For more information visit www.foginfo.org/epa



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From FL Turnpike and I-95: Take exit for FL-60 and head east, turn left at 74th Ave, then take the 2nd right onto 33rd St. Osceola Organic Farm is on the left.