



Growing for tomorrow

The agriculture industry's concerns are more significant and complex today than ever before.

The Florida Specialty Crop Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was founded in 1991 by the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association to address these challenges by supporting research, education and philanthropic outreach that ultimately benefits Florida's fruit and vegetable producers and farmworker families.

The Foundation continues to provide opportunities for the industry to grow by supporting important research, developing young leaders in agriculture, and partnering with important philanthropic organizations.

The Foundation raises funds through donor support, government grants and special events. With your help, we can make viable solutions possible for our industry and sustain the future of the Florida specialty crop industry.

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EDUCATION



The **Emerging Leader Development Program (ELDP)** identifies and develops leaders each year to be strong advocates for Florida agriculture. Sessions and production trips provide a wealth of information on the many issues facing the industry. More than 100 participants have graduated from the program.

The **George F. Sorn Scholarship** helps children of farmworkers realize their dreams of a college education. The scholarship benefits deserving high school graduates who are children of employees in the state's specialty crop industry.

The Foundation also financially supports and collaborates with students in university agricultural programs and industry-specific career development programs to encourage young professionals to pursue careers in agriculture.

Each year, the Foundation also holds the **Labor Relations Forum** with a full agenda that provides advice for agricultural employers and a **Spring Regulatory Tour** to educate federal and state officials who regulate agriculture.

PHILANTHROPY



The Foundation collaborates with **Farmers Feeding Florida** to provide grower incentives for wholesome yet unmarketable food to be delivered to families participating in **Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)** programs.

The Foundation participates each year with a number of RCMA initiatives such as fundraisers and service projects that raise support for its programs to help farmworker families served by the association.

The Foundation also holds an annual **Benefit Auction** to support its programs and has greatly contributed to its worthy causes.

RESEARCH



The Foundation works to secure and provide support for **Specialty Crop Block Grants** which enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops and provide important support for the industry.

Past examples of grant work include increasing the sales of peaches through marketing to retailers and consumers as well as food safety workshops that prepare the industry for food recalls.

Learn more at www.floridaspecialtycropfoundation.org