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Profile

As the Sustainable Agriculture and Community Food Systems Agent with UF/IFAS Leon County Extension, my program areas include delivering science-based research and knowledge about community food systems, diversified vegetable cropping systems, and agricultural education for youth.

My educational programs focus on food production and vegetable gardening techniques, how to recycle food waste, soil and nutrient interactions, promotion and support for farmers in the Panhandle Region, and hands-on soil and plant science concepts for youth.

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Educational Programs

Strengthening Community Food Systems in Leon County:

I provide educational programming on sustainable agriculture, food waste reduction, and food systems. In this role, I conduct workshops, instruct presentations, and lead hands-on activities that focus on vegetable gardening and food waste reduction techniques, including topics such as raised beds, seeding, transplanting, composting, and vermicomposting. The goal is to promote self-reliance among residents and contribute to a more sustainable and resilient community.

Additionally, I actively engage 4-H youth in educational initiatives that center around food systems and agricultural science. By instilling knowledge and awareness, I aim to empower them to become stewards of their environment, cultivating a new generation that is mindful of sustainable practices for the benefit of the community and beyond.

Diversified Cropping Systems in Panhandle Region:

I actively promote and support local agriculture through a diverse range of programs, including initiatives for new farmers, food safety training, farm tours, community gardens, food hubs, and farmers' markets. Additionally, I focus on improving farmer/producer best management practices. By fostering the development of food-based businesses and agritourism opportunities, I contribute to enhancing the growth and sustainability of the local agricultural landscape. Through these multifaceted efforts, my aim is to establish a resilient network that supports farmers, businesses, and the community, thereby fostering a thriving and diverse agricultural ecosystem in the Panhandle Region.

Experience

- Sustainable Agriculture and Community Food Systems Extension Agent, UF/IFAS Extension, Leon County, 2014-present
- Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, North Carolina State University, 2012-2014
- Farming Assistant, Turkey Hill Farm, 2009-2012

Education

- Master of Science, Soil Science, North Carolina State University, 2014
- Bachelor of Science, Horticulture, Organic Crop Production, University of Florida, 2009