Local farmers are not to blame for the dirty water that flowed east & west

Hardworking sugarcane farmers have been wrongfully blamed for the dirty water that flowed into the coastal waterways. We want you to know the facts.

Water facts

- 95% of all water flowing into Lake Okeechobee comes from the northern basin.
- In the last 5 years 21% of Lake O water discharges went into the St. Lucie River.*
- 48% of the Lake O discharges are sent south.
- Lake O discharges accounted for just 31% of the water in the Caloosahatchee River.*
- The remaining 69% of the water that wound up in Lee County waterways came from rainfall, irrigation and runoff that drains into the C-43 local basin and eventually flows into the estuary.
- Over the last five years, the stormwater runoff was nearly twice as dirty as the Lake O discharges.

Learn more about water flow. Visit bit.ly/LakeOQuality and read more water facts from Dr. Stuart Van Horn.

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