

# Florida Sugarcane Farmers South of Lake Okeechobee are 100% Committed to Clean Water

**It's Time to Take  
a Hard Look  
at the Truth about  
Our Water Issues**

## What We've Done

↓ Re-directed water from farms south of Lake Okeechobee (Northern EAA) so all runoff flows south

🚜 Changed farming practices: GPS leveling of fields, maintaining extensive sediment controls, and holding water to reduce runoff

💧 Cleaned every drop of water flowing off our farms and reduced the phosphorus by an annual average of 57% since 1996 (more than double the 25% required reduction)

🏠 Helped fund the construction of 60,000 acres of stormwater treatment areas, to further clean farm, lake, and suburban runoff

💰 Invested millions into restoration, research and on-farm water and soil management efforts

🌱 Provided more than 200 square miles (120,000 acres) of farmland for water projects, including the land on which the EAA Reservoir will be constructed

**These have resulted in nearly 95% of the 2.5 million acres of Everglades achieving the 10 parts per billion phosphorus standard – the cleanest in our lifetime**



**Lake Okeechobee discharges, other rivers, local nutrient runoff from development and man-made sources are fueling Red Tide**

