

# 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



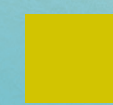
Cleaned every drop of water flowing off our farms and reduced the phosphorus by an annual average of 57% since 1996 (more than double the 25% required reduction)



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**

