Growing the Future of Florida Agriculture at the UF/IFAS Center for Sustainable & Organic Food Systems

Meeting Consumers’ Needs
• High tunnels – season extension, crop protection
• Organic production – strawberry, tomato, leafy greens
• Grafting – disease resistance, improved yield

Preserving Florida’s Resources
• Anaerobic soil disinfestation – non-chemical soil borne disease, nematode, & weed control
• Cover crops – reduce soil erosion, can reduce inputs with long-term use
• Living mulch – conserve soil moisture, reduce weed pressure

Emerging Crops & Markets
• Specialty squash – ID best cultivars & markets for Florida-grown
• Chickpea – cover crop potential, ID best cultivars & markets for Florida-grown
• Urban agriculture – bringing ag production closer to the consumer

Building Capacity
• Stakeholder collaboration – farmers are research partners & advisors
• Bridging ag & non-profit sector – building an NPO directory & aggregating training materials
• Grant writing – workshops, funding announcements, proposal development
• Develop research priorities – stakeholders share challenges & ID emerging research questions

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