

CARES Recipient Profile



Farm: J.M. Larson, Inc.

Location: Okeechobee County

Date of Origination: 2008

Commodities: Contract corn silage and homegrown haylage



John and Stephanie Larson own and operate J.M. Larson, Inc. in Okeechobee County. The farm was established as an entity in 2008 as a result of a split off from Larson Dairy, Inc. and proudly produces corn silage and

homegrown haylage, as well as managing dairy cattle. J.M. Larson, Inc. is a family-run business with all members of the family having an active role in the prosperity of the farm.

Larson has implemented BMPs since 1989. BMPs are a set of guidelines that advise producers on how to manage the water, nutrient, and pesticides they are using to reduce agriculture's impact on the state's natural resources. Some of the BMPs that have been implemented include the use of recycled water from a lagoon system to flush barns and irrigate crops. The property also compost solids, deceased animals, land, and apply organic material as soil amendment to grow crops. These practices ensure that their land will remain productive and viable for future generations.

Larson is active in his community as a member to the First Baptist Church, Ag Council, Florida Farm Bureau Board and State Dairy Advisor Committee. He is also a member of the National Dairy Board, Dairy Management Inc., and the Florida Dairy Farmers board.

When asked what he enjoys most about farming, Larson responded, "To see your hard work grow into your milk on the table. To take care of the herd in a manner that is correct treatment of animals. It is about knowing you have produced a great product for the American family."