



CARES PROFILE

ALAN EDWARDS FARMS

HISTORY

5th generation grower, Alan Edwards, owns and operates Alan Edwards Farms in Jay, Florida. Edwards demonstrates what it means to be a farmer who cares through his environmental stewardship efforts. For more than 30 years, Edwards has farmed with a desire to produce a high quality produce while protecting the environment and is a model of what highly effective BMP implementation looks like on a diversified agricultural operation.



COMMODITIES

Peanuts, Cotton, Wheat, Oats, Beef Cattle



BMP PROGRAM

Edwards Best Management Practices program has been active since 2012. BMP's are based on UF/ IFAS recommendations for natural resource protection on crops and livestock. BMPs implemented includes:

- planting cover crops
- grass buffers
- strip- tillage and no- tillage
- terrace buffers
- soil sampling



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PARTNERSHIPS

Edwards partners with local farmers to collaborate on production methods each season. It is important to Edwards to support fellow growers who face the same challenges he encounters each growing season. Edwards often communicates research and industry-related information since he is active on multiple committees and boards in agriculture.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Volunteer Fire Fighter, 19 years
FFA Alumni member

LEADERSHIP

Florida Farm Bureau Federation

- Santa Rosa County Farm Bureau Board
- State Peanut/ Cotton Advisory Committee
- YF& R Leadership Team

The Cotton Board

State Boll Weevil Board

Florida Peanut Advisory Committee

UF/ IFAS Extension Advisory Committee

2011 Santa Rosa Farm Family of the Year

