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Farm: Lane Farms

Location: Chiefland, Levy County

Date of Origination: 1930's

Commodities: Cattle and hay



Aaron Lane and his father Donnie own and operate Lane Farms in Chiefland, Florida. The farm has been in the family for over 80 years and was started by Mr. Lane's great grandfather Dennis Lane, in the early 1930's. They proudly produce cattle and Bermuda grass hay.

The Lane family has been implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) on the farm for over six years. 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. Lane Farms uses a Global Positioning System (GPS) to help aid in the application of fertilizer. Minimal use of pesticides controls pests in the field. The Lane family also takes soil samples regularly to ensure the proper amount of fertilizer, lime and chemicals are applied throughout the year.

The Lane family is actively involved in their local community. Mr. Lane is currently serving on the Levy County Soil and Water Conservation Board and both he and his father are Farm Bureau members. Mr. Lane strongly supports the future of agriculture and welcome local elementary classes to his farm to educate youth on what farming truly is.

When asked why they are farmers who CARE, the Lane Family responded, "to protect our natural resources so that future generations will be able to enjoy them."