



BMP Implementation in the Suwannee River Basin

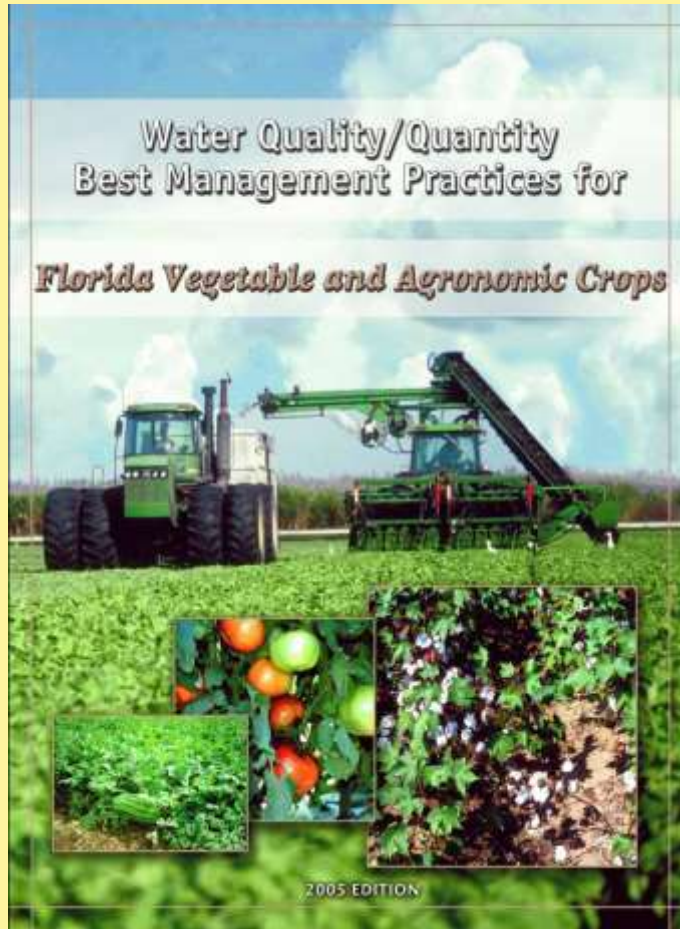
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The Issue

- Best Management Practice (BMP) manuals are designed to be user friendly tools
- BMP program is *voluntary*
- Enrollment is the key to State and Federal agencies that producers are mindful of water quality/quantity issues
- The Vegetable & Agronomic Crops manual was adopted in the Spring

The Manual



- First of many to be used actively in the Suwannee River Basin
- Statewide Manual
- North Florida Section


Interested Parties

- Local Producers & Landowners
- State Agencies
 - FDACS
 - FDEP
 - NRCS
- Federal Agencies
 - EPA
 - USDA
- State Legislature
- Producer Organizations
 - Farm Bureau
 - FL Fruit and Vegetable Association
- UF/IFAS



Objective

- Producers file a Notice of Intent with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Ag Water Policy



Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Office of Agricultural Water Policy

FDACS-OAWP
1280 Governor's Sq.
Bldg. Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32301

CHARLES H. BRONSON
COMMISSIONER

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPLEMENT
VEGETABLE AND AGRONOMIC CROPS
BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES GUIDE**

Section 403.067(7)(c)2, Florida Statutes and Rule 5M-8.004 F.A.C.
Phone (850) 617-1700; Fax (850) 617-1701

In accordance with Florida Statute 403.067(7)(c)2 and Rule 5M-8.004 F.A.C., the following information is hereby submitted as proof of my intent to implement Best Management Practices for Vegetable and Agronomic Crops in Florida. Multiple parcels and associated property tax identification numbers may be listed on one NOI. If parcels are owned in more than one county, then one NOI should be submitted for each county with the list of associated property tax identification numbers on each NOI. Use an additional sheet if necessary.

Farm Owner _____
Leaseholder _____
Authorized Local Contact _____
Local Contact Address _____
Local Contact Telephone _____
Farm Name _____
Total Number of Enrolled Acres _____
County _____
Property Tax ID Number/s From Property Appraiser _____

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What was done

Suwannee Basin BMP Kickoff

- To officially unveil manual
- Hand out manuals
- Stimulate interaction between officials and producers
- Build positive momentum



You're Invited

Suwannee Basin BMP Kickoff

Date: 02/28/2006 **Time:** 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Come join the Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Bronson, the Vegetable & Agronomic Crops Best Management Practices (BMP) Steering Committee, and the Suwannee River Partnership for the

"Suwannee Basin BMP Kickoff"

The event will be held at the **Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church of Branford**. Come enjoy a **complimentary** lunch, receive cost share information, and the newest BMP Manual "Water Quality/Quantity Best Management Practices for Florida Vegetable and Agronomic Crops"

Please RSVP at 386.362.0431

The After Effects

- Various Specialized BMP Workshops
- Government Official Tours with BMP Adopters
- One-on-One Work with Producers
- Suwannee Basin Progressive Farms Project
- NOIs have been signed

