



Matt's Priorities as Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture

Protect Florida's Waterways & Public Health

- Stand up to the agricultural chemical complex by unregistering herbicides that cause harm to Florida's waterways.
- FDACS has the authority to unregister any chemical determined to have adverse effects on the environment or human health, and we will use that authority to protect Floridians and Florida's natural resources.

Right to Repair for Florida Farmers

- Stand with Florida farmers by challenging equipment manufacturers that restrict repairs through proprietary software.
- Protect farmers' right to repair their own equipment without being forced to rely on authorized dealers.

Save Florida's Citrus Industry & Grove Land

- Stand with citrus growers as Florida has lost nearly 90% of its citrus production due to citrus greening.
- Citrus grows on dry land, and once it is developed, that land is lost.
- We will preserve citrus land through the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program so growers can replant when a solution to citrus greening is found.

Responsible Growth & Forestry Management

- Address the reality that urban sprawl has outpaced Florida's forestry fire infrastructure.
- Reevaluate forestry fire stations now surrounded by residential development.
- Relocate stations to locations that better support wildfire prevention and response.
- Offer former forestry station properties to local governments for lease as county parks or public green space.

Restore Accountability in Consumer Protection

- Ensure the Division of Agriculture properly receives, tracks, and resolves consumer complaints.

- End delays or denials based on claims that complaints were lost, deleted, or mishandled.
- Restore confidence in FDACS through transparency and timely responses.

Protect Pollinators & Support Beekeepers

- Protect pollinators, especially bees, which are essential to Florida agriculture.
- Reevaluate pesticide registrations that harm apiaries and pollinator health.
- Stand with Florida's beekeepers, who report the current administration has failed to adequately protect their industry.

Protect Greenbelt for Real Farmers

- Update outdated Greenbelt laws through the Florida Farm Bill to stop developers and special interests like Mosaic and Florida Power & Light from exploiting a farmer-focused tax break on land they intend to destroy.
- We will prohibit Greenbelt abuse on speculative or industrial land while streamlining the process for new applicants and making it easier for small and family farms to qualify.
- Greenbelt was designed for farmers, and it should only be used by farmers.

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