

IN NORTHEAST FLORIDA, WE ARE LOSING



5.5 ACRES PER DAY **2,000 ACRES PER YEAR** **89,000 ACRES BY 2070**

THAT'S

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CURRENTLY OPERATING FARMLAND

AVERAGE FARMER IS



58 YEARS OLD



OF REMAINING FARMLAND WILL CHANGE HANDS IN THE NEXT

10 YEARS

PRESERVING FARM LAND

1 MILLION+



ARE EXPECTED TO MOVE TO THE AREA BY 2040. PUTTING PRIME FARMLAND AT RISK FOR DEVELOPMENT.

WHAT CAN CONSERVED FARMLAND OFFER?

1 STEWARDSHIP

Sustainable practices that protect soil, air, water, and habitat

2 AFFORDABILITY

When development potential is removed, land is more accessible for farmers

3 FOOD SECURITY

So future generations can enjoy north Florida-grown foods

4 ECONOMY

1 county alone generates almost 1 billion dollars in agriculture revenue



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WHY SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS?

Buying local reduces transport and distribution costs. More of what you pay for food is going to the farmer, ensuring they can earn a living wage.

Shifting just 20% of food dollars to local choices more than doubles the amount of money circulating among local businesses

When not purchased locally, the average food on your plate travels at least 1500 miles and emits an average of 10x more CO2.

Sources: 1000 Friends of Florida <http://1000friendsofflorida.org/florida2070/table-of-contents/>; NCC Farmland Trust, <https://www.pcdfarmlandtrust.org/>; 2012 Census of Agriculture; CUESA: Cultivating a Healthy Food System <https://cusa.org/sites/default/files/2017-08/inda.html>; UFIFAS University of Florida St. Johns County www.educationofyourlife.com; University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research, Florida Population Studies, Bulletin 171, http://www.bebr.edu/sites/default/files/Research%20Reports/projection_2015.pdf; Why Local Linkage Mapper http://www.farmlandinfo.org/sites/default/files/Why_Local_Mapper_Suite_1.pdf | Photo courtesy of Congaree & Pam / Kristian Dowry

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