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Flagler County officials join UF|IFAS Extension Office celebrating 'Farm-City Week' – November 15 through 22

November 16, 2023 – Flagler County officials are joining its UF|IFAS Extension Office in celebrating Farm-City Week alongside the Florida Farm Bureau for the full week leading up to Thanksgiving.

"This is really important, especially for us here in Flagler County," said Interim Extension Director Kalan Taylor. "Agriculture in Flagler County contributes to 12,000 jobs – or 28.6% – and \$600 million in gross regional product."

Farm-City Week, introduced in 1955 and celebrated throughout the United States, is a time to recognize and celebrate the importance of relationships between farmers, consumers, community leaders – and everyone in between – who contribute to the safe, abundant food supply.

"Farmers and ranchers rely on essential partnerships with urban communities to supply, sell and deliver finished products across the country and around the world," Taylor said. "Consumer purchases, in turn, make sustainable farm enterprise possible."

The UF|IFAS Flagler County Extension is a partnership between state, federal, and county governments for the purpose of providing researched based information to Flagler County residents and businesses. Offices are located at 150 Sawgrass Road. For more information, go to the website <u>https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/flagler/</u> or Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/FlaglerCoExtension</u>.

"We have a wonderful Extension Office that provides so many services and programs for our residents," said County Administrator Heidi Petito. "They do a great job supporting our rural, agricultural west side, and it is with pleasure that we join them in celebrating Farm-City Week."

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