

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

AGRICULTURE
Senator Montford, Chair
Senator Dean, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2015
TIME: 3:30 —5:00 p.m.
PLACE: 301 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Montford, Chair; Senator Dean, Vice Chair; Senators Bullard, Galvano, Garcia, Grimsley, and Sobel

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Discussion of Amendment 1 as it Relates to Agricultural Programs		Discussed
2	Update on the Apalachicola River Basin and Bay		Presented
3	Update on Florida's Bear Population		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			

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APPEARANCE RECORD

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1/20/15
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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Senate Agriculture Committee Meeting

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

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FDACS Role in Water Resource Protection, Conservation and Planning

**Florida Senate
Agriculture Committee
Senator Bill Montford, Chairman
January 20, 2015**

**Rich Budell, Director
Office of Agricultural Water Policy**



Florida Agriculture

- \$115B industry, 2.1M jobs, \$13.3B annually in tax revenues
- Agriculture provides net economic benefit to the public
 - For every \$1.00 paid in property tax agriculture only requires \$0.29 in public services
- 300 crops grown commercially
- Occupies over 18 million acres
 - approximately 52% of the state's total land use
- Consists of 47,700 private farms
- Provides for biological diversity, aquifer recharge, flood control, wetland preservation, wildlife habitat

To continue to provide these benefits, agriculture needs sufficient & stable water supply



Water Resource Protection

Water Quality BMPs – What are they?

- Practice or combination of practices based on research, field-testing and expert review, to be the most effective and practicable on-location means, including economic and technological considerations, for improving water quality in agricultural and urban discharges
- Nutrient (nitrogen & phosphorus) Management
- Stormwater Management
- Irrigation Management
- Fencing / Buffers near Waterways



BMPs – What do they look like?



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Observation Wells



Weather Stations



Soil Moisture Monitoring





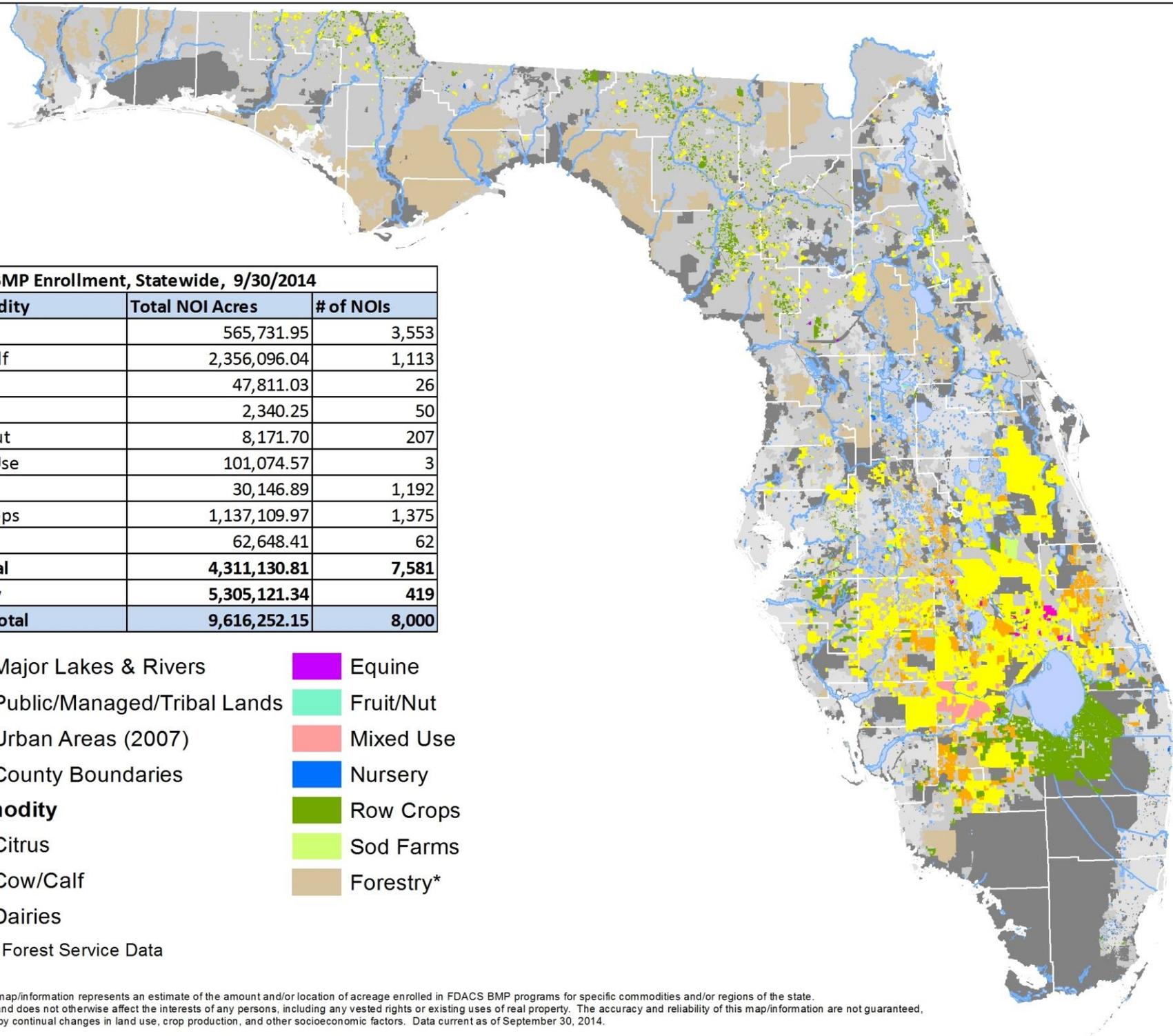
FDACS BMP Enrollment, Statewide, 9/30/2014

Commodity	Total NOI Acres	# of NOIs
Citrus	565,731.95	3,553
Cow/Calf	2,356,096.04	1,113
Dairy	47,811.03	26
Equine	2,340.25	50
Fruit/Nut	8,171.70	207
Mixed Use	101,074.57	3
Nursery	30,146.89	1,192
Row Crops	1,137,109.97	1,375
Sod	62,648.41	62
Sub Total	4,311,130.81	7,581
Forestry	5,305,121.34	419
Grand Total	9,616,252.15	8,000

-  Major Lakes & Rivers
-  Public/Managed/Tribal Lands
-  Urban Areas (2007)
-  County Boundaries
- Commodity**
-  Citrus
-  Cow/Calf
-  Dairies
-  Equine
-  Fruit/Nut
-  Mixed Use
-  Nursery
-  Row Crops
-  Sod Farms
-  Forestry*

* Florida Forest Service Data

Disclaimer: This map/information represents an estimate of the amount and/or location of acreage enrolled in FDACS BMP programs for specific commodities and/or regions of the state. It is not binding, and does not otherwise affect the interests of any persons, including any vested rights or existing uses of real property. The accuracy and reliability of this map/information are not guaranteed, and are affected by continual changes in land use, crop production, and other socioeconomic factors. Data current as of September 30, 2014.



Water Resource Conservation

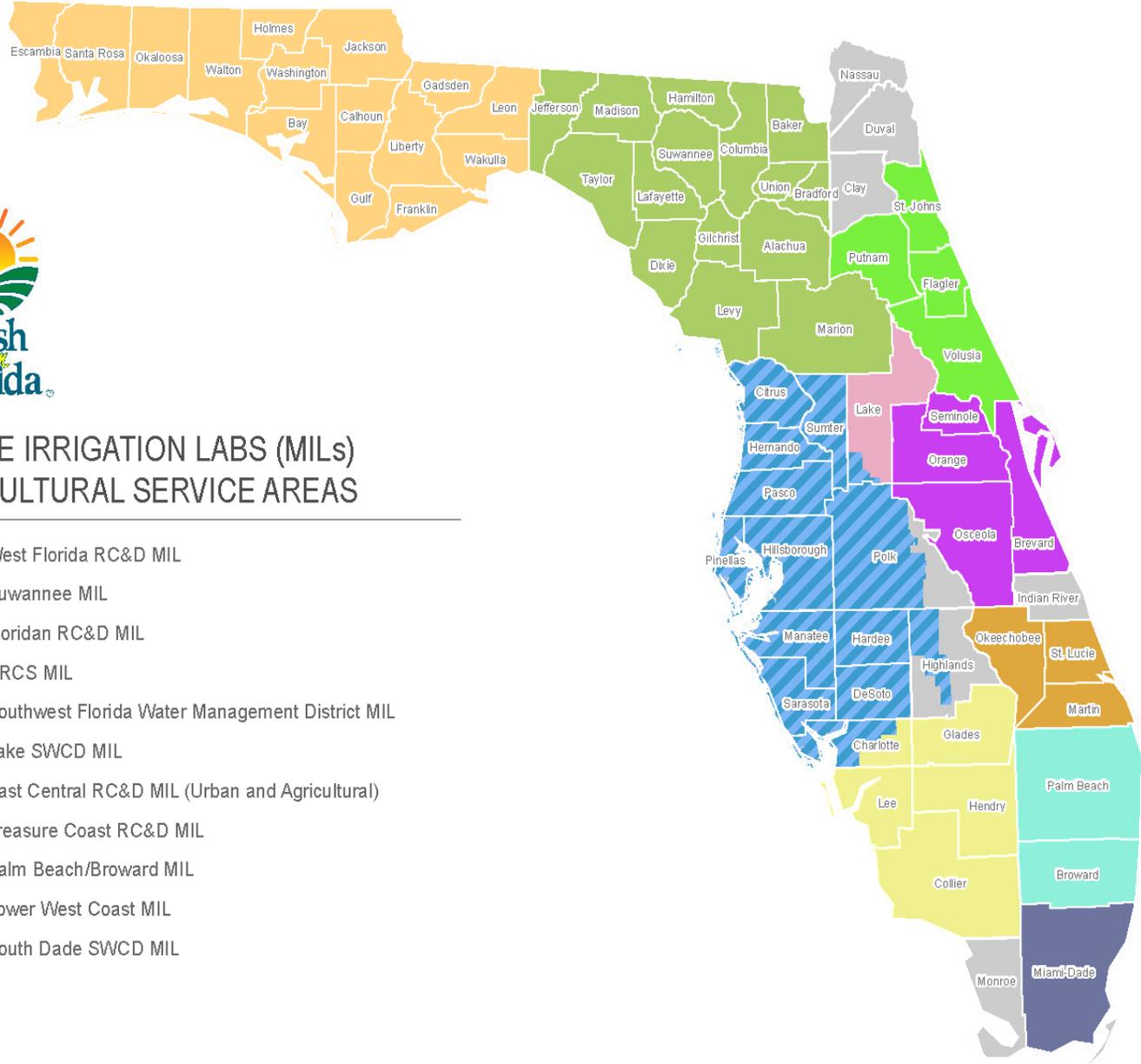
- Agriculture is second largest user of fresh water in Florida
- Access to adequate quantities of fresh water is critical
- Commitment to conservation/efficiency (Mobile Irrigation Laboratories)
- In partnership with water management districts to develop alternative water supply projects
- Participate with stakeholders to develop innovative water storage programs on private lands
- Preserving agricultural lands is critical for water storage and treatment, ground water recharge, and wildlife corridors





MOBILE IRRIGATION LABS (MILs) AGRICULTURAL SERVICE AREAS

-  West Florida RC&D MIL
-  Suwannee MIL
-  Floridan RC&D MIL
-  NRCS MIL
-  Southwest Florida Water Management District MIL
-  Lake SWCD MIL
-  East Central RC&D MIL (Urban and Agricultural)
-  Treasure Coast RC&D MIL
-  Palm Beach/Broward MIL
-  Lower West Coast MIL
-  South Dade SWCD MIL



June 2012









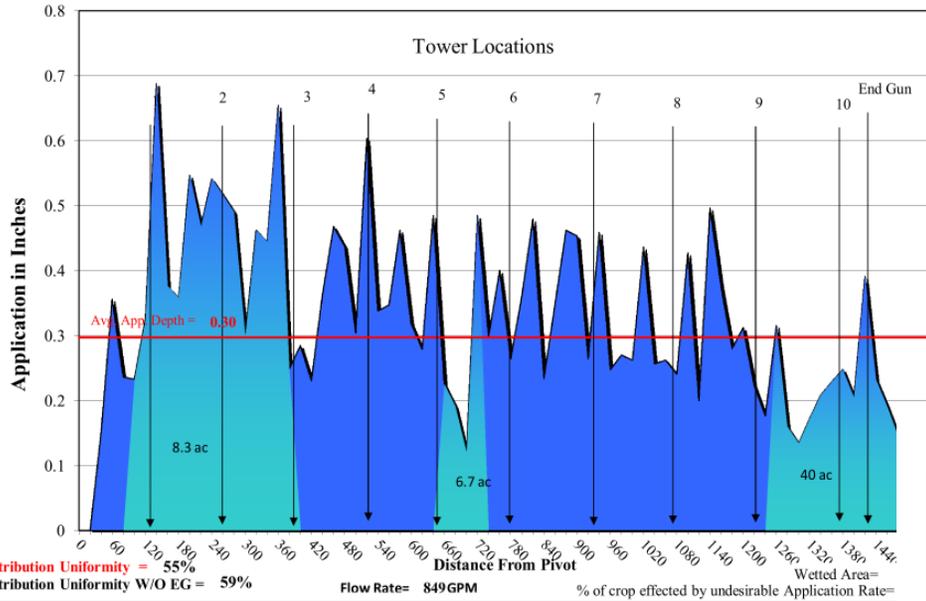
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Application Uniformity

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As of: March 9, 2012



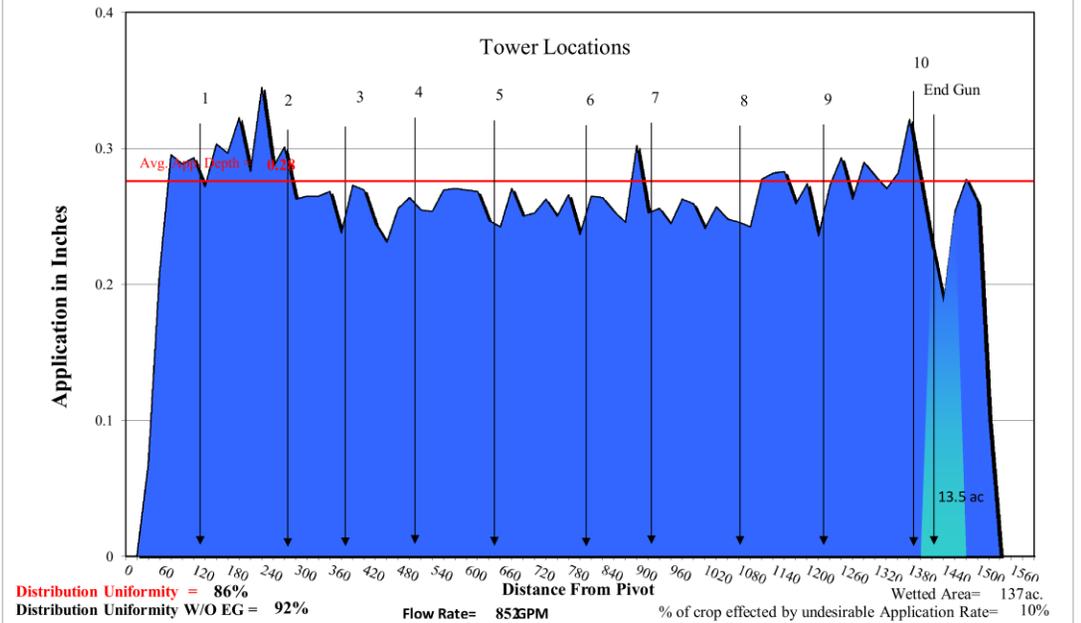
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Application Uniformity

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As of: June 19, 2012



Water Resource Conservation

- Conducted nearly 7500 system evaluations
- Covering 300,000 acres
- Documented conservation of nearly 32 mgd
- Estimated conservation of over 60 mgd



Agricultural Water Supply Planning

- Agricultural irrigation returns 40 to 50 % of pumped water to surface water or aquifer
- 85% of water used is for food production
- Water use estimates decreased by 8% between 2005 and 2010
 - During the same time period, production has increased
- Tapped into alternative water supplies
 - Storm water and irrigation capture and reuse
 - Use of reclaimed water
- Commitment to efficient use
 - Mobile Irrigation Laboratory evaluations
 - Technology upgrades



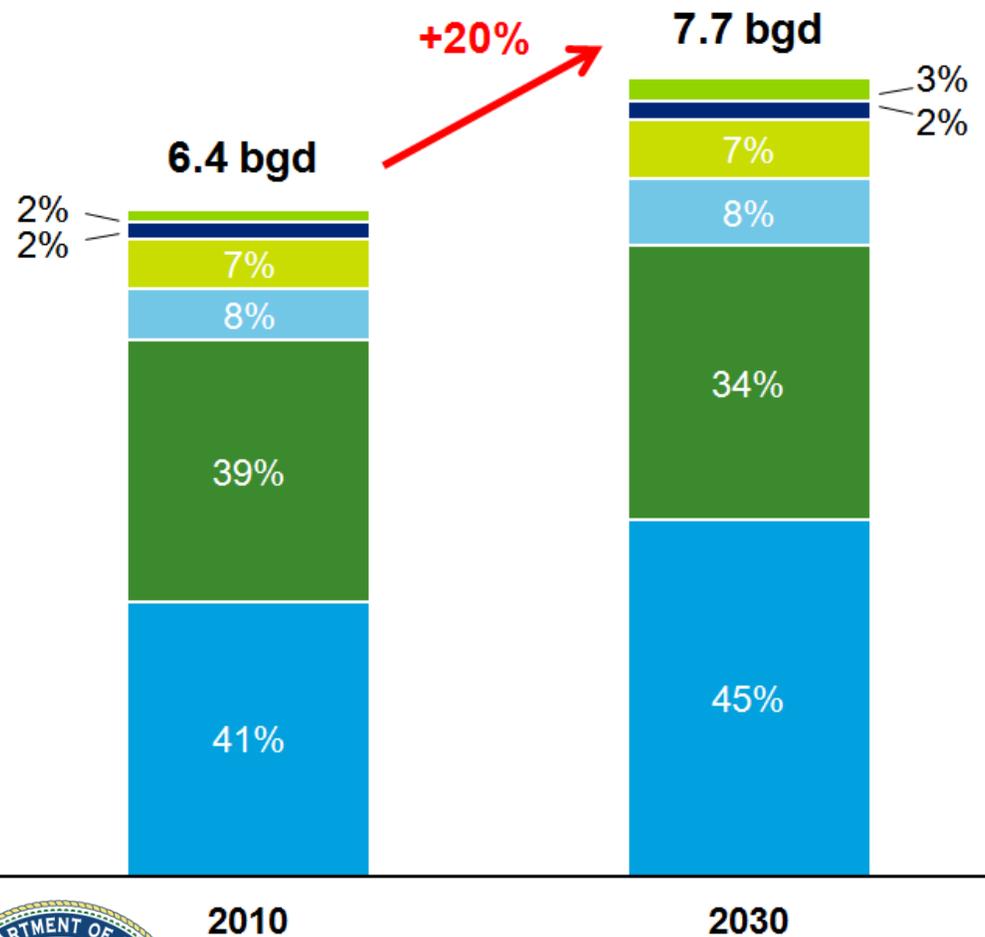
Agricultural Water Supply Planning

- Agriculture is a “self-supplier” of water and cannot pass on the cost of wells, pumps etc.
- In 2010, domestic supply overtook agriculture as the largest water user
- By 2030 domestic supply demand will increase by 30% - agricultural supply demand will increase by only 5%
- Competition issues
 - Dover/Plant City
 - Central Florida Water Initiative
 - Lake Okeechobee
 - North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership



Projected water demand expected to increase 20%

Projected 2010 vs. 2030 Florida Water Demand



	<u>Growth (mgd)</u>	<u>Growth (%)</u>
Power generation	106	88%
Domestic	27	18%
I/C/I	83	18%
Recreational	147	29%
Agricultural	125	5%
Public supply	782	30%



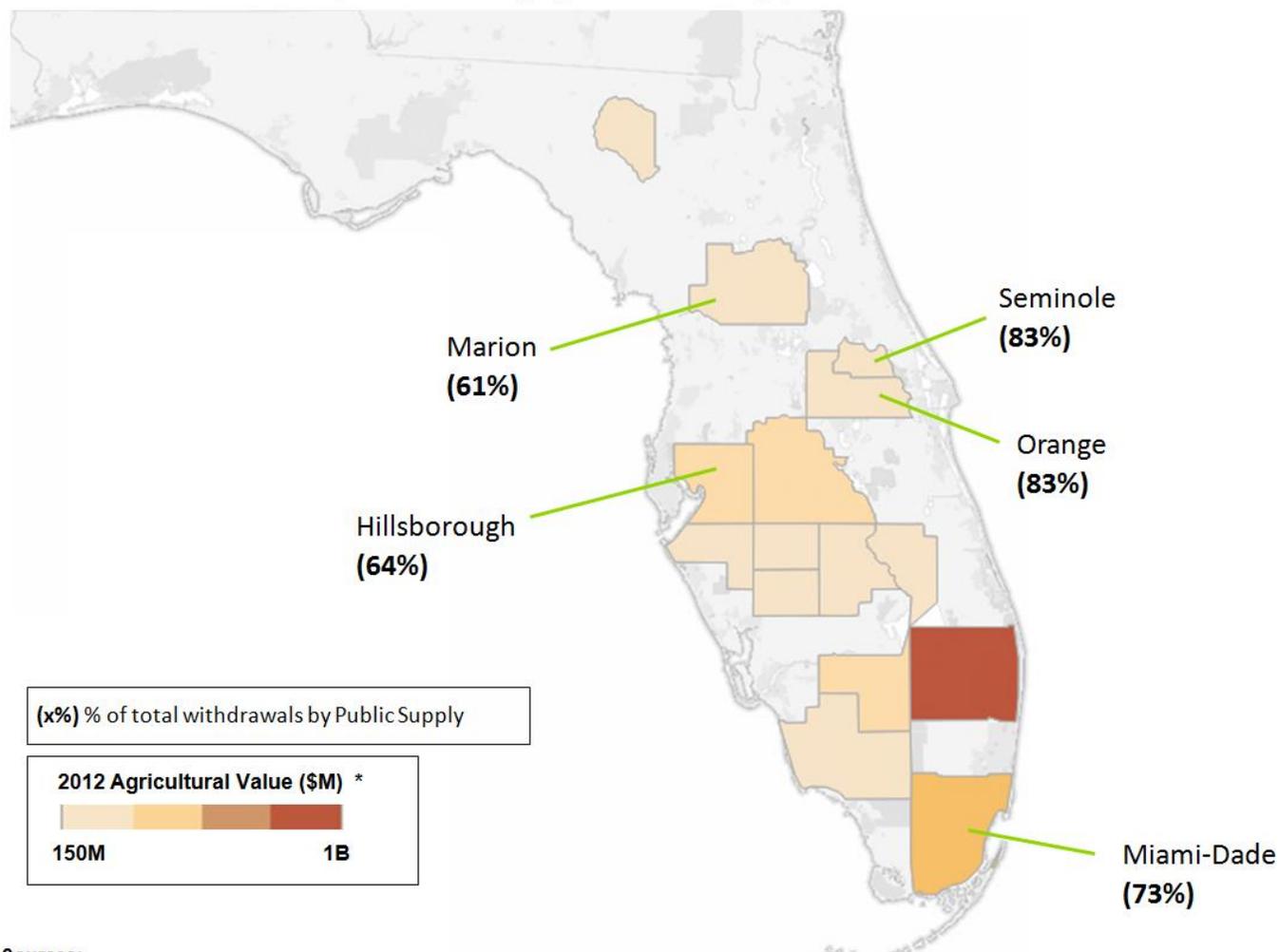
Source: Water demand: 2010 demand estimates and 2030 demand projections obtained from Florida Water Management Districts (WMDs).

Top producing agricultural counties compete for water

Key Observations

- 5 of the top 15 agricultural producing counties face potential competition for water from public supply
- Demand from public supply in these counties averages over 60% of water demand compared to the overall public supply average of 41%

2012 Top 15 Counties by Agricultural Value (\$)



(x%) % of total withdrawals by Public Supply

2012 Agricultural Value (\$M) *

150M 1B

Sources:

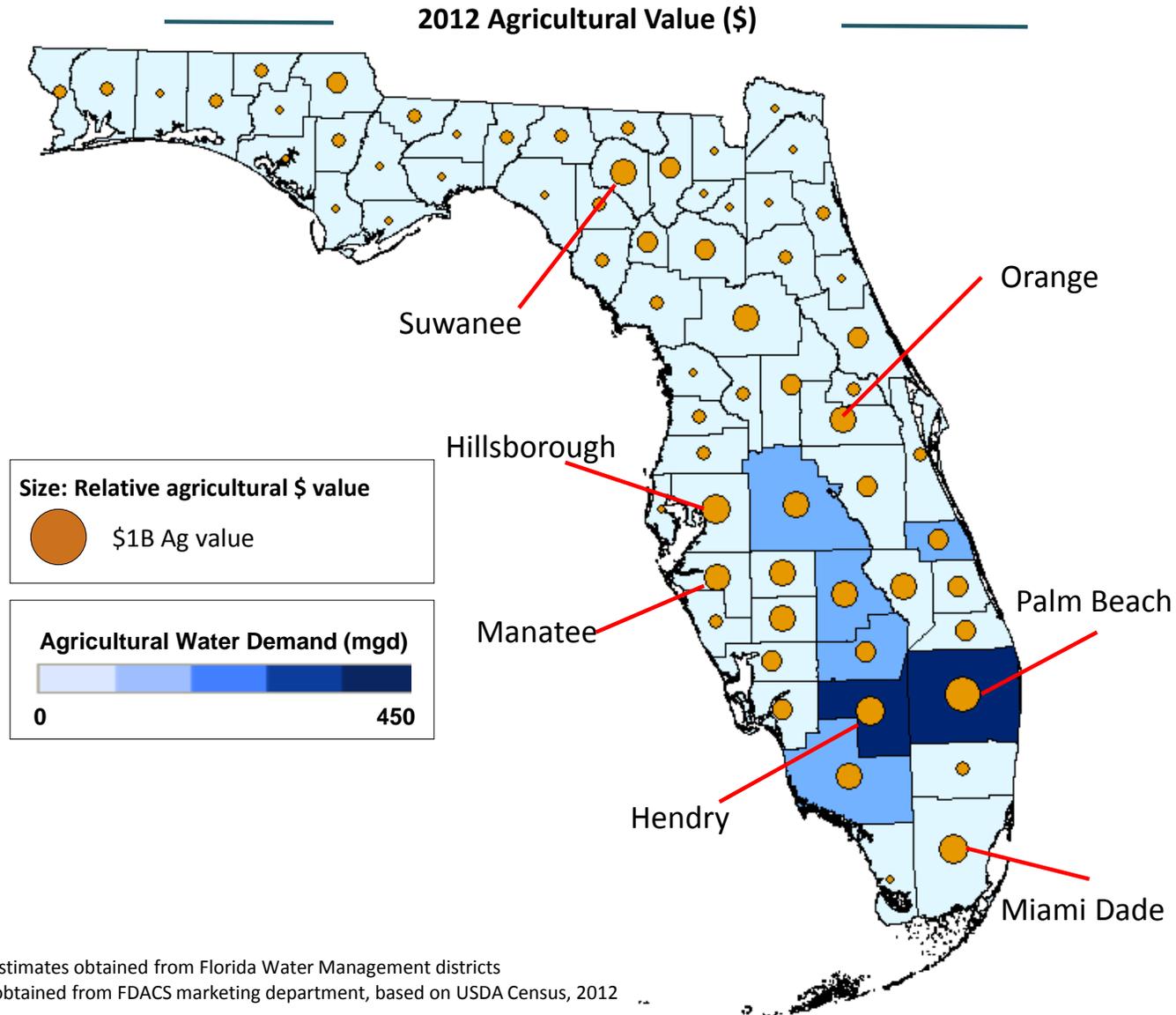
- Water demand: 2010 demand estimates obtained from Florida Water Management districts
- Agricultural \$ value: 2012 data obtained from FDACS marketing department, based on USDA Census, 2012



Agricultural value (\$) & water demand aren't always related

Key Observations

- 98% of Hendry county water goes towards agriculture
- 57% of Palm Beach county water goes towards agriculture



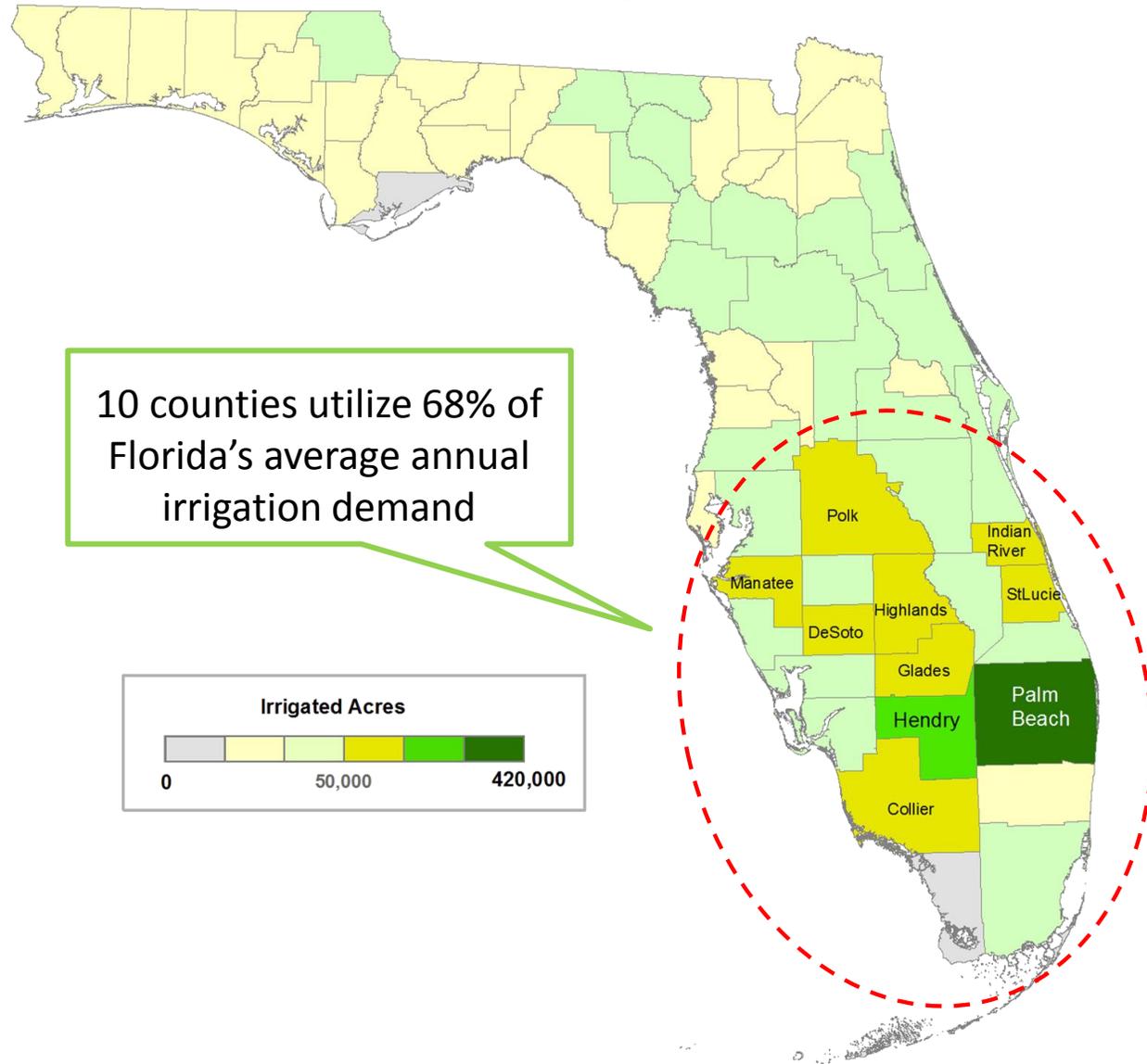
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Irrigated Agricultural Acreage by County

2010 Florida Irrigated Acreage



Key Observations

- The top 2 counties in agricultural water demand, Palm Beach and Hendry, use 39% of the total average annual irrigation demand
- Palm Beach: 419,000+ ac, 721 mgd
- Hendry: 194,000+ ac, 294 mgd



Why do we plan for water supply?

s. 373.705(2)(a) F.S. (1997)

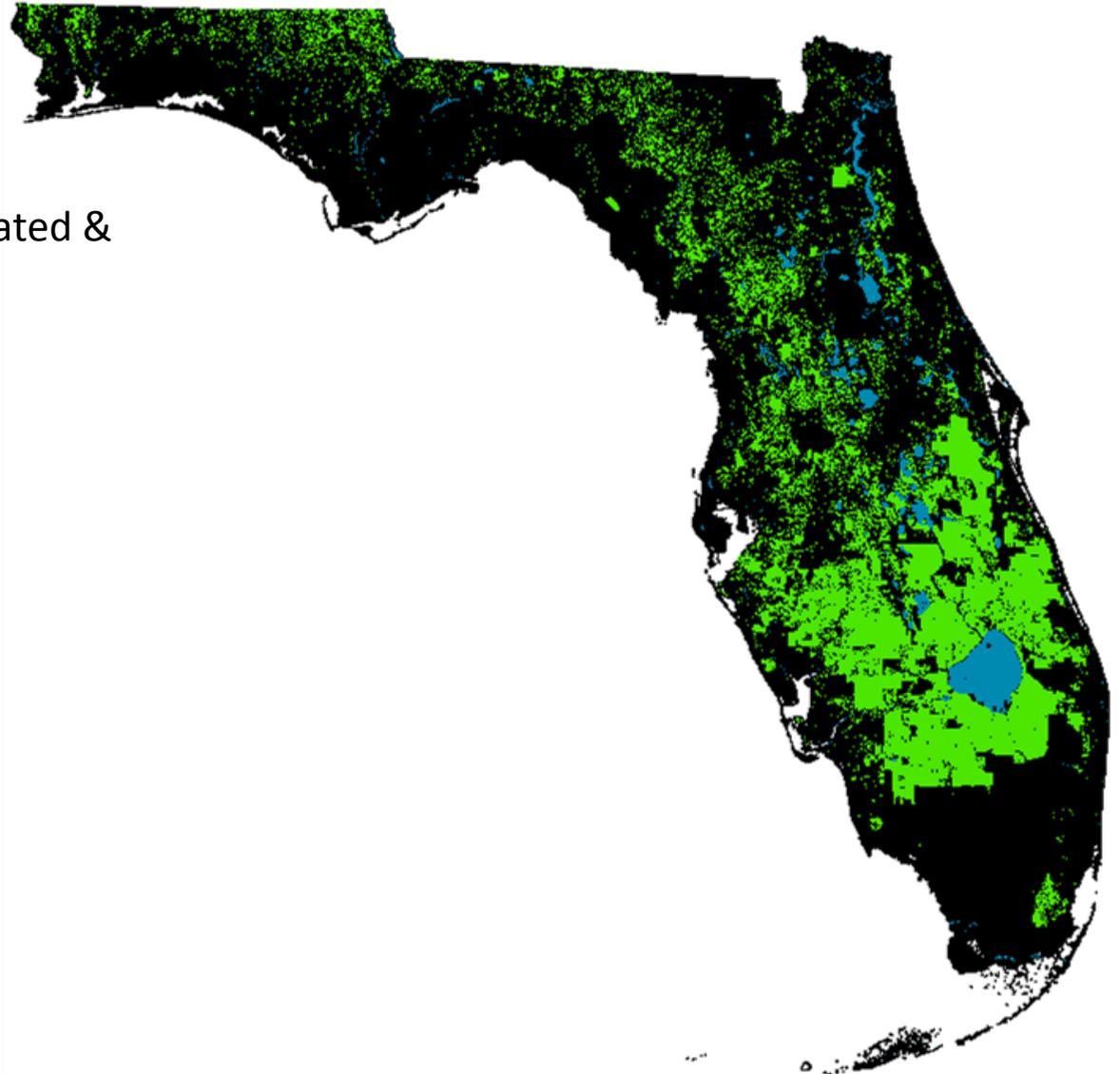
It is the intent of the Legislature that:

“Sufficient water be available for all existing and future reasonable – beneficial uses and the natural system, and that the adverse effects of competition for water supplies be avoided.”



Agricultural Acreage in Florida

2010 Florida Agricultural Acreage



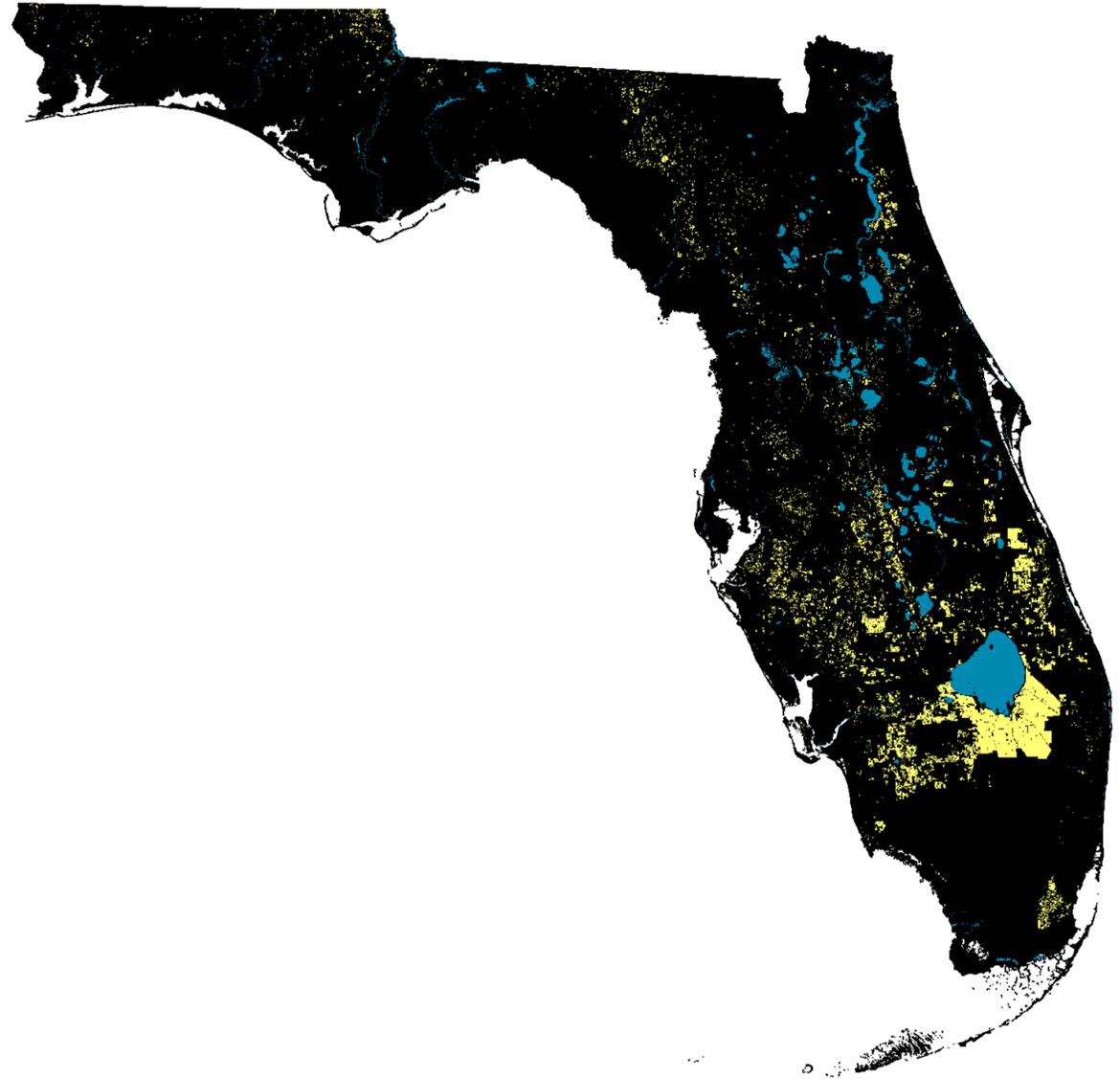
Key Observations

- 2010 Statewide agricultural acreage (irrigated & non-irrigated lands) is 8,613,770 acres



Irrigated Agricultural Acreage in Florida

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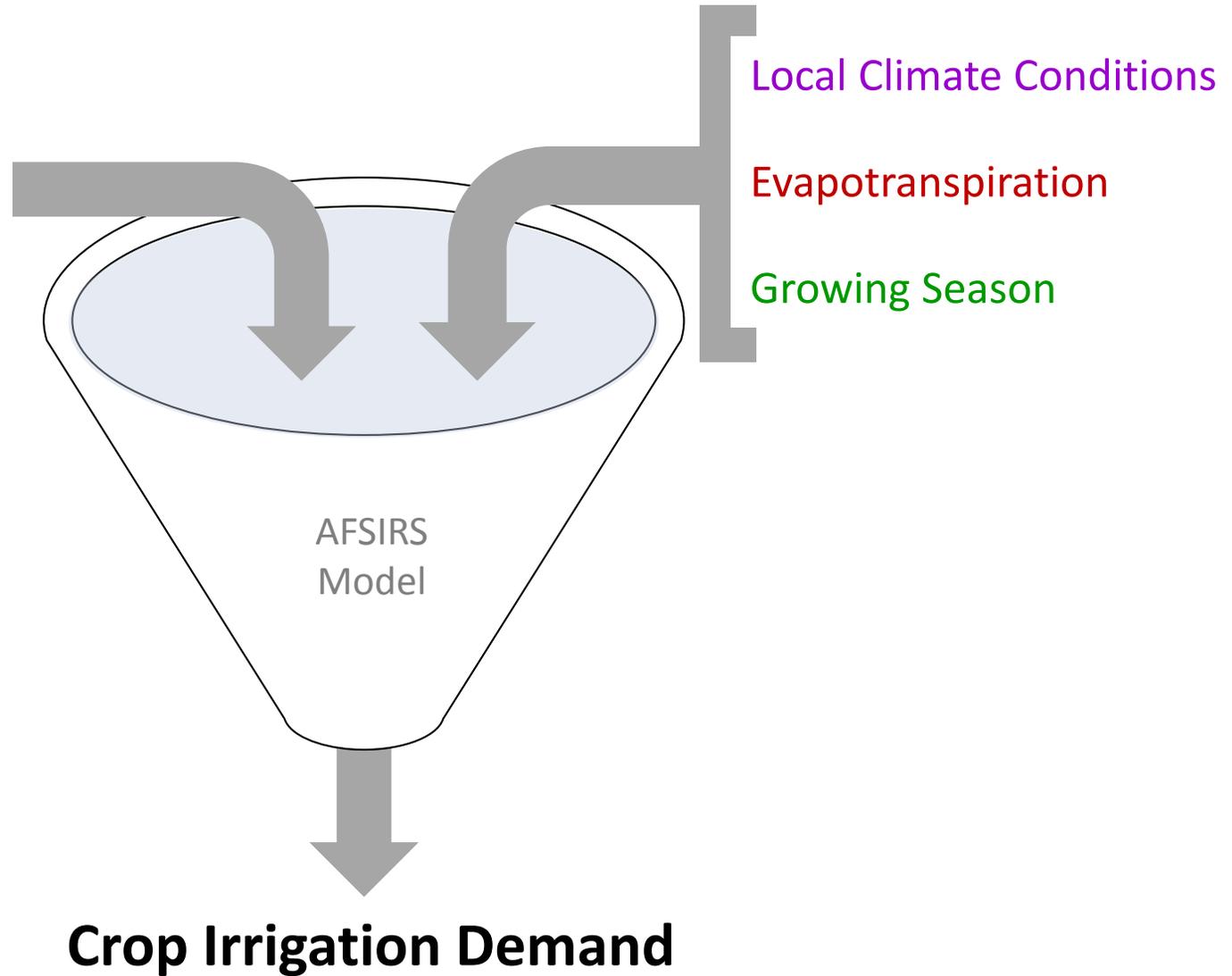
- In 2010, there were 1,738,961 acres of irrigated Ag lands in Florida
- Less than 20% of all agricultural lands are irrigated



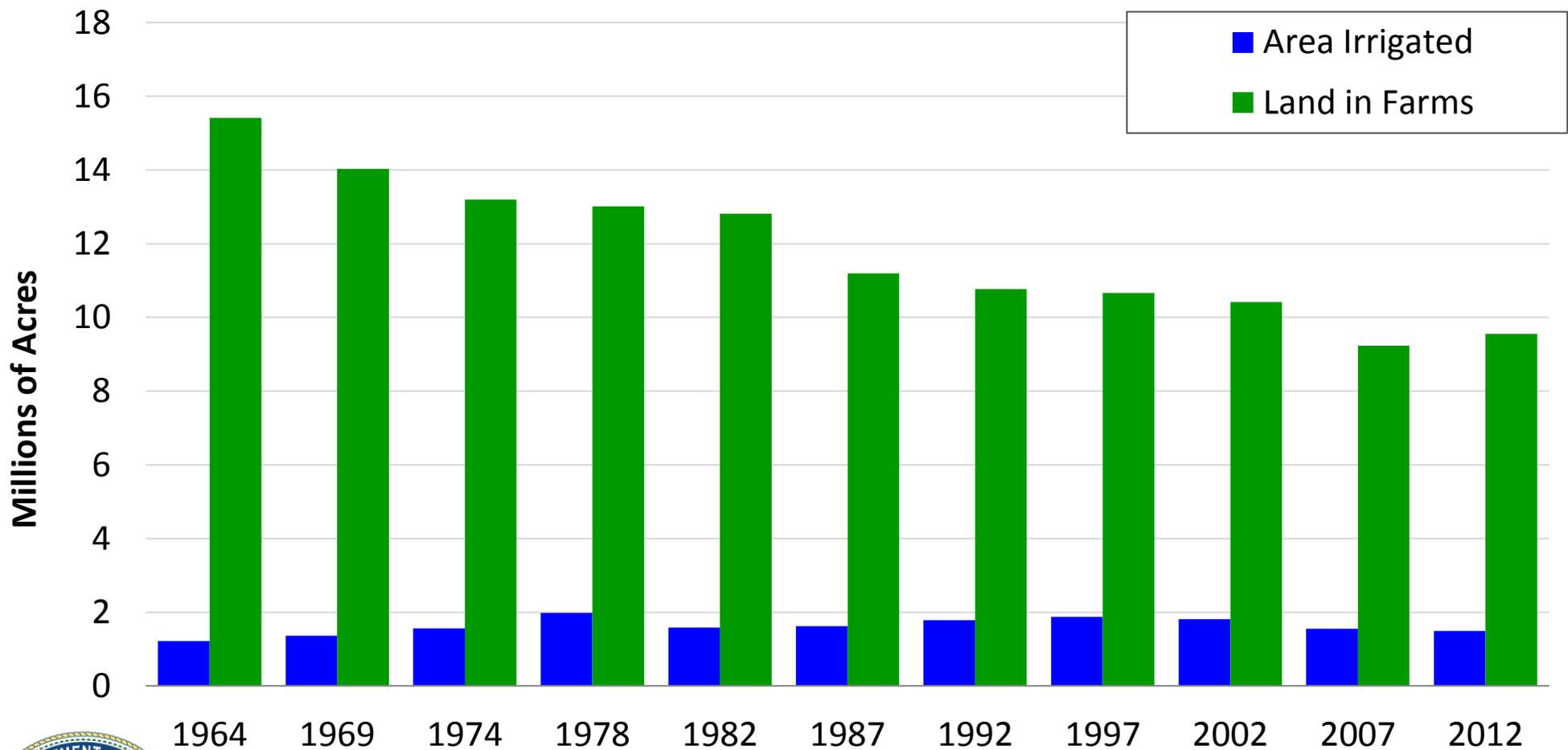
Calculating Crop Irrigation Demand

Irrigated Lands Geodatabase

- Crop Type
- Irrigation System Type
- Soil Type
- Water Table Depth



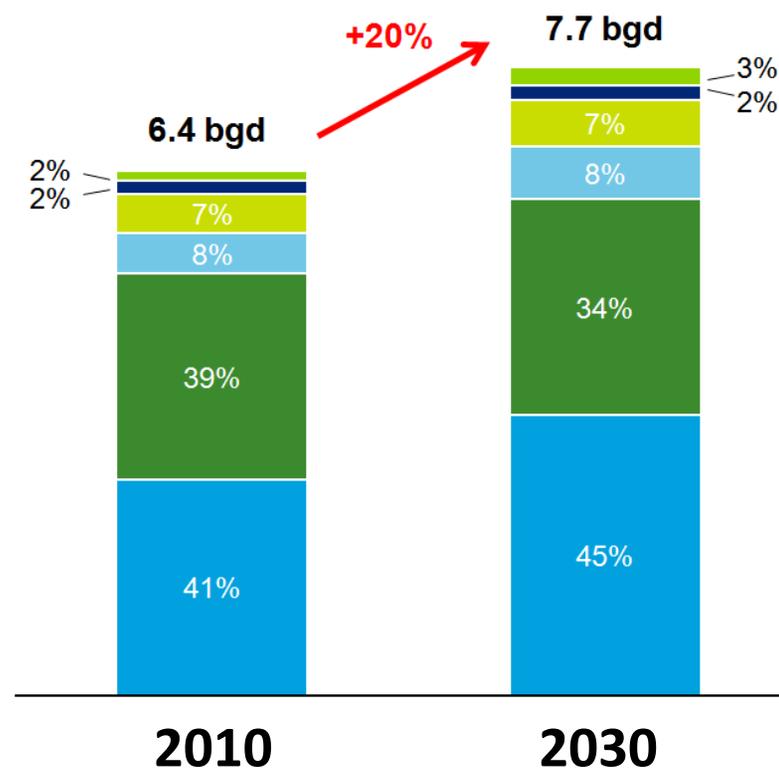
Historical Land in Farms & Irrigated Acreage



Sources:
1997 and 2012 National Ag Census— State Data – Florida

Meeting Florida's Growing Water Demands

- Will require a variety of alternative water supply projects, resource optimization strategies, and conservation measures.
- Irrigated agricultural lands geodatabase will ensure future agricultural demand estimates are as precise as possible.



Agricultural Water Supply Challenges

- Diversity of Florida agriculture
- Changing economic conditions
- Climate events (droughts, storms)
- Pests and diseases
- Changing markets and consumer preferences
- Projected population growth from 7 to 9 billion by 2050
- Food production will have to increase 70%



Questions?

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Topic Oysters

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Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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Apalachicola Bay Oyster Fishery Update

Senate Agriculture Committee
January 20, 2015

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



Apalachicola Bay



Oyster Fishery

- Apalachicola Bay historically produced 12% of the nation's harvest of Eastern Oysters
- 2012-13 –
 - harvest significantly lower than the previous five year average
 - Hurt local economy
 - Governor Rick Scott requested a fishery failure for the oyster from the U.S. Department of Commerce
- 2013-14 –
 - diminished harvest
 - FWC lowered bag limit



What is Happening to Improve Situation

- Litigation
- Coordination with state agencies and local governments
- Adaptive Harvest Regulations
- Increased Monitoring
- Increased Enforcement
- Habitat Restoration



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Topic Grant to support oyster industry

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Bear Management in Florida

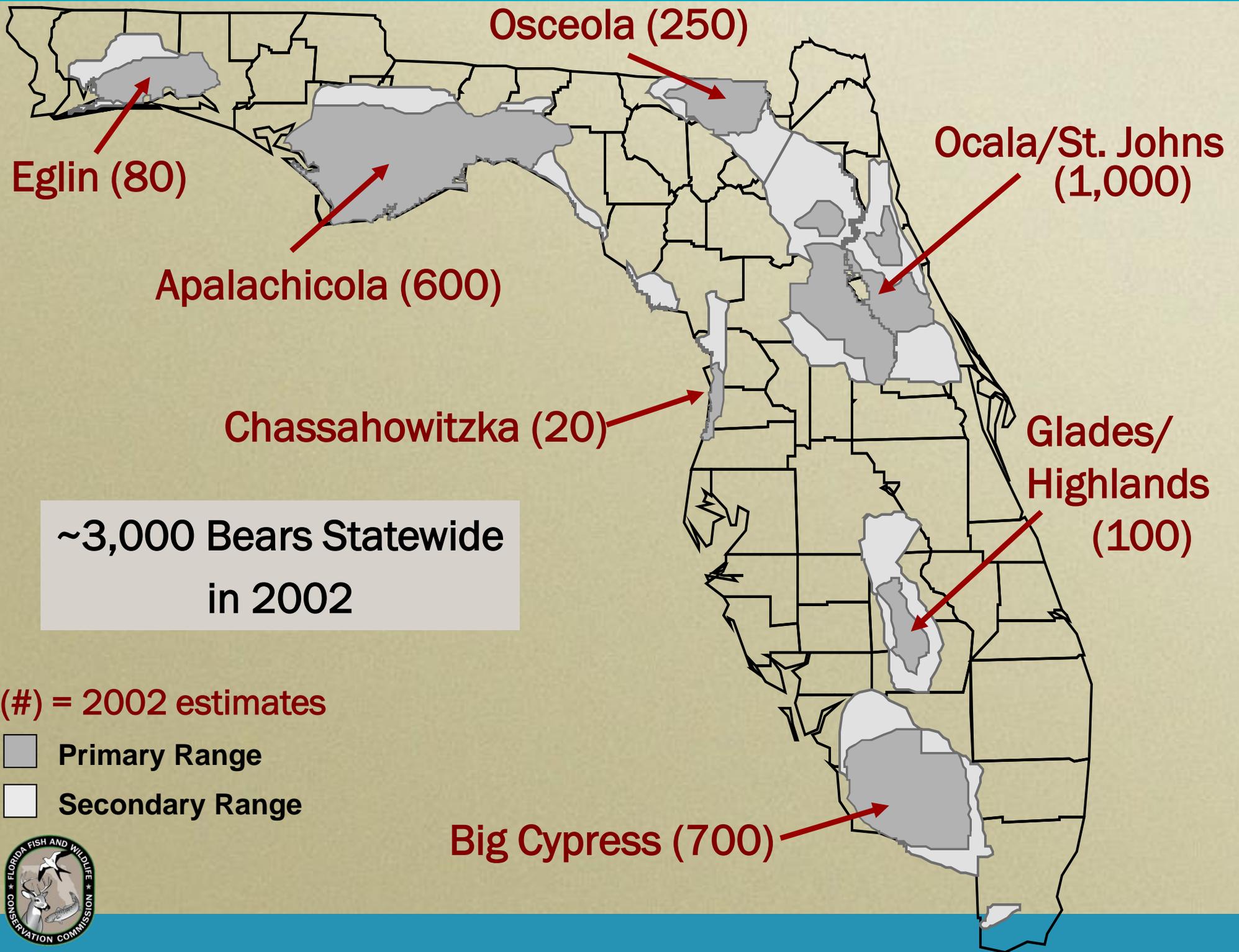


Senate Agriculture Committee

January 20, 2015

Dr. Thomas Eason, Division of Habitat and Species Management

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



History of Bears in Florida

1950's = Estimated 500 bears

1974 = Listed as State Threatened

1990 = Federal petition to list via the
Endangered Species Act

2004 = Federal listing not warranted

2012 = Removed from State List



2012 Bear Management Plan

“Maintain sustainable black bear populations in suitable habitats throughout Florida for the benefit of the species and people”

4 Conservation Focus Areas:

- Population Management
- Habitat Conservation
- Human-Bear Conflict Management
- Education and Outreach

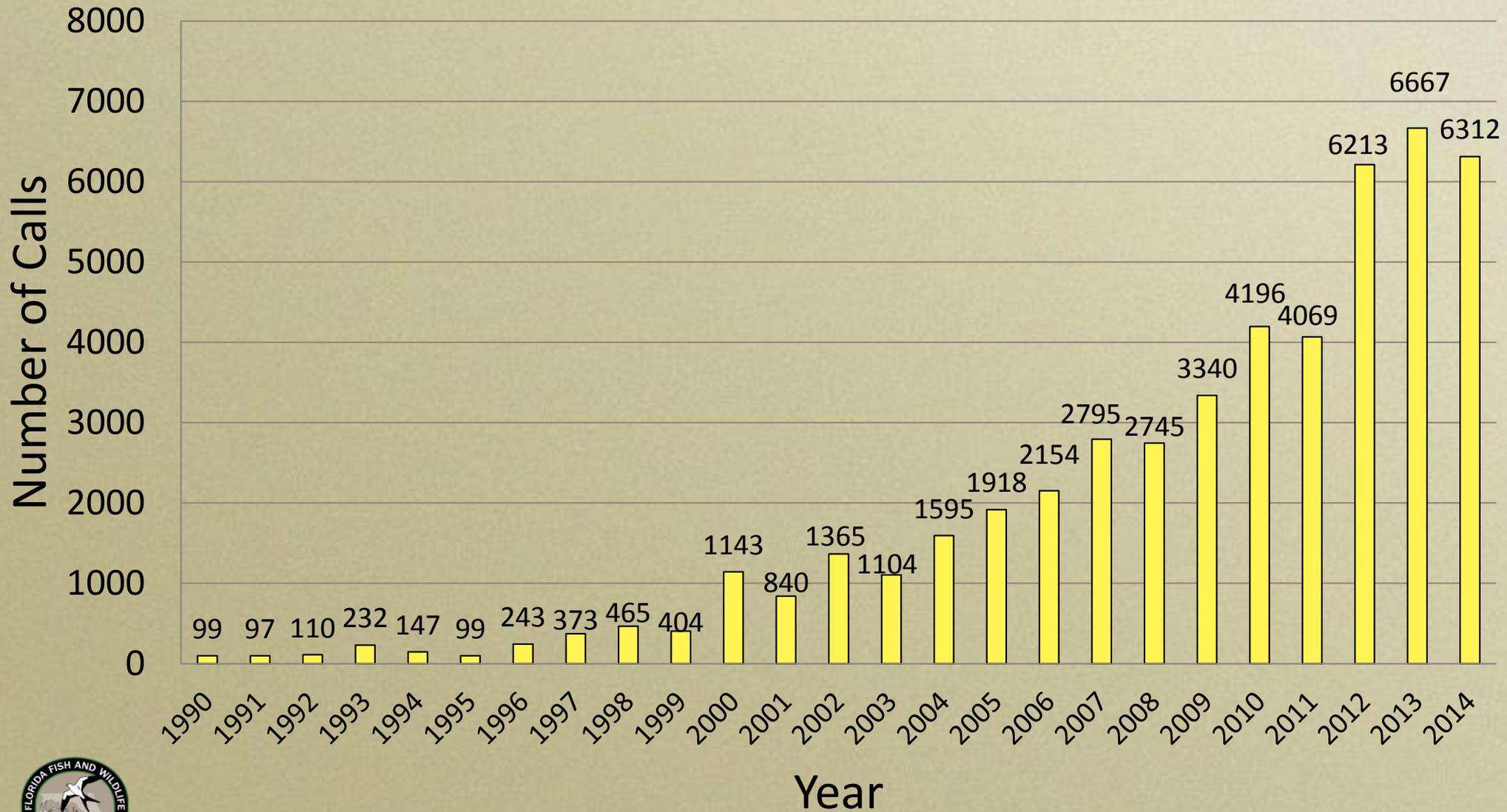


Human- Bear Conflicts



Bears Calls 1990 – 2014

(total = 48,725)



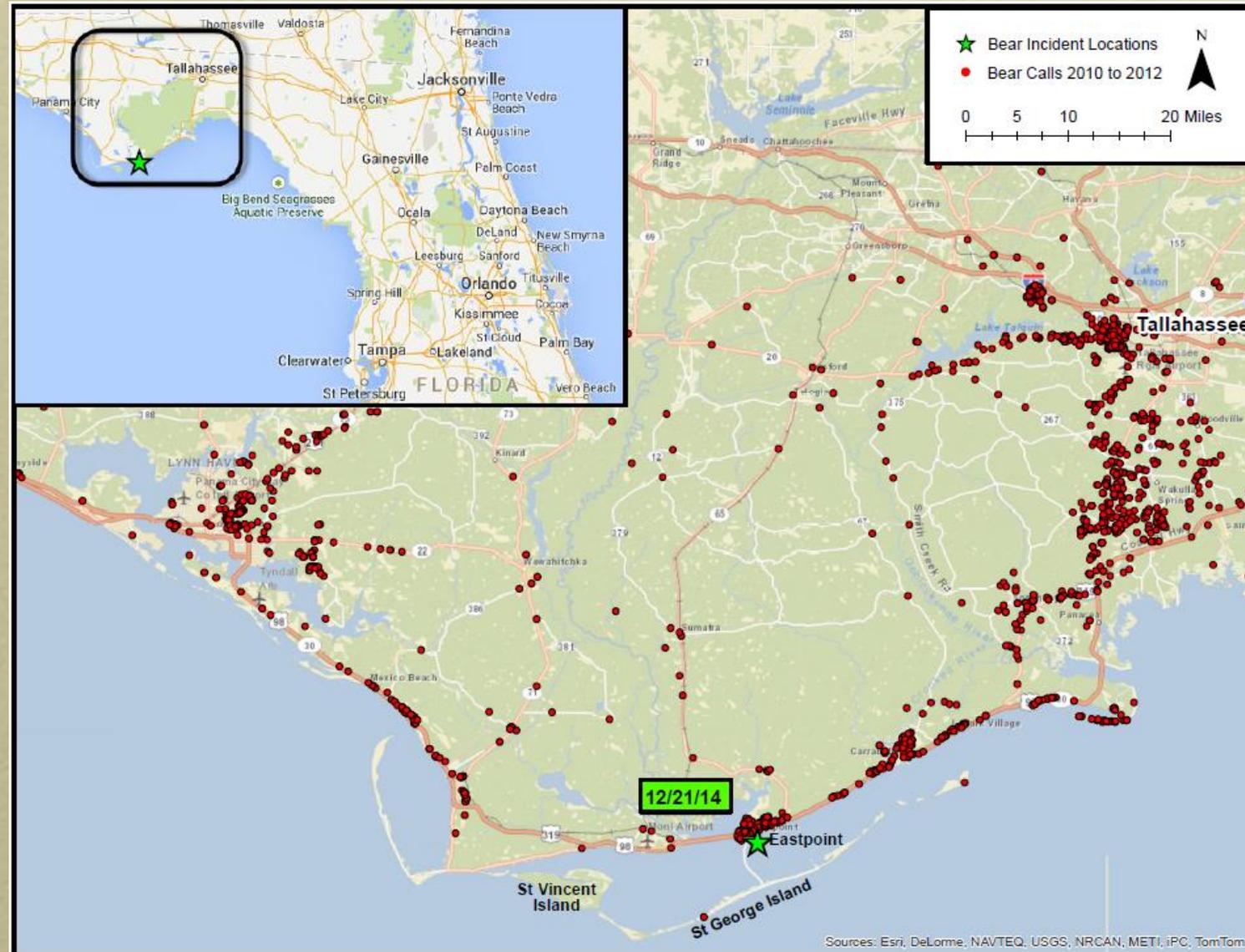
Bear Attacks Since 2012

- **12/2/13** – Longwood woman attacked by female bear with cubs while walking dogs
- **4/12/14** – Lake Mary woman attacked by female bear feeding on garbage while walking in yard
- **12/3/14** – Lake Mary woman attacked by female bear with cubs while walking dog
- **12/21/14** – Eastpoint teenager attacked by female bear with cubs while walking dog



Eastpoint Response

- 6 bears captured
- 4 bears euthanized
- 2 cubs moved to Osceola NF



Addressing Human-Bear Conflicts

- Respond to specific human/bear conflicts
 - ✓ 20 contractors to catch and remove bears
- Provide bear response trainings for local officers
 - ✓ 1,500 trained from 60 agencies since 2007
- Provide technical assistance
 - ✓ engage with > 20,000 people/year
- Partner with local governments and waste companies
 - ✓ 11 counties have bear-resistant trashcans



2014 Expansion of Bear Response

Additional legislative funding has provided:

- 3 new full-time Area Bear Biologists
- 7 additional Bear Response Contractors
- Increased traps, vehicles, and other equipment



Key Next Steps

Short Term:

- ✓ Accelerate removal of bears that pose public safety risk
- ✓ Consider hunting for population management
- ✓ Expand bear-resistant trashcan availability
- ✓ Partner with homeowner associations and local government on outreach
- ✓ Empower individuals to help deal with problem bears
- ✓ Clarify feeding prohibitions
- ✓ Legislative proposal to modify feeding penalties



Key Next Steps



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Long Term:

- ✓ Work with local government to implement comprehensive waste management policies in conflict areas
- ✓ Periodically update statewide bear population and range estimates
- ✓ Maintain and enhance short term actions





Thank You



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Bargaining

SENATOR DWIGHT BULLARD
39th District

January 20, 2015

Chairman Montford,

I am requesting to be excused from our Agriculture Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 3:30 pm.

Due to a travel mishap, I will not be in the capitol until later this evening.

Sincerely,

Dwight M. Bullard

State Senator, District 39

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3:35:42 PM Meeting called to order
3:35:50 PM Roll call
3:36:35 PM Roll call
3:37:05 PM Commissioner Adam Putnam - comments
3:43:31 PM Commissioner Adam Putnam -- comments
3:45:23 PM Senator Galvano with questions
3:45:46 PM Senator Galvano with questions
3:46:07 PM Commissioner Putnam responding
3:46:42 PM Commissioner Putnam responding
3:46:56 PM Senator Sobel with comments and question
3:47:58 PM Commissioner Putnam responding
3:51:47 PM Commissioner Putnam responding
3:52:01 PM Senator Dean with questions and comments
3:53:27 PM Senator Montford with comments
3:53:57 PM Commissionr Putnam
3:54:26 PM Senator Montford re: amendment 1 as it relates to agriculture
3:55:17 PM Rich Budell, Director of Agriculture and Water Policy
3:55:49 PM Rich Budell, Director of Agriculture and Water Policy
3:56:15 PM Overview of Amendment 1 as it Relates to Agricultural Programs
4:11:17 PM Senator Garcia with a question of Mr. Budell
4:12:02 PM Mr. Budell responding to question re: bottled water
4:12:47 PM Senator Garcia asking for committee staff to supply that information
4:12:49 PM Senator Garcia asking for committee staff to supply that information
4:13:31 PM Senator Montford
4:14:10 PM Rich Budell continuing with power point presentation
4:16:06 PM Senator Dean with comments
4:17:46 PM Senator Dean with comments
4:17:52 PM Senator Montford
4:18:39 PM Jim Estes, Deputy Director, FWC's Division of Marine Fisheries Management --Update on the Apalachicola River Basin and
4:19:05 PM Senator Galvano
4:19:33 PM Update on case
4:19:57 PM Jim Estes presenting his power point
4:26:55 PM Senator Montford
4:27:35 PM Tom Clendenning, Workforce Services, Director
4:31:26 PM Video Presentation
4:35:03 PM Mr. Clendenning
4:35:36 PM Mr. Shannon Hartsfield
4:36:24 PM Mr. Shannon Hartsfield
4:36:32 PM Sen. Montford with comments
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4:37:43 PM Senator Montford on Oyster Industries
4:38:05 PM Update on Florida Bear Population
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4:38:49 PM Power Point Presentation
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4:49:22 PM Senator Grimsley with a question
4:49:41 PM Mr, Eason responding
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4:55:22 PM Senator Dean with a question
4:55:35 PM Mr. Eason responding
4:56:16 PM Mr David Cullin, Sierra Club of Florida
4:57:51 PM Closing comments and Senator Grimsley Move to Rise
4:57:56 PM Meeting adjourn

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Dear Chairman Montford:

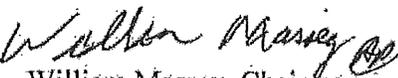
The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners (Board) requests that this letter on the management of the Florida Black Bear population be entered into the record of today's Agriculture Committee meeting.

On Sunday, December 21, 2014, a young lady in Eastpoint was viciously attacked by a Florida Black Bear. Thanks to the heroic efforts by the young lady, she survived the attack. However, this incident could have occurred any number of times in the preceding years as the bear population in populated areas in Franklin County has increased without restriction. The Board appreciates the actions that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) is now making in response to this attack, and we wholeheartedly encourage the Legislature to give FWC the authority to develop a bear management plan that will deal with bears more aggressively in urban areas.

This bear attack occurred in downtown Eastpoint. The bear was only 1 block away from US 98. The scenario could just as easily turned into another bad situation if the bear had run out into traffic and caused an accident. The people of Franklin County want the bears to be in the woods, and not in their backyards. When the bears begin to invade urban areas, FWC needs to be allowed to manage the bears effectively so to minimize human/bear interaction.

The Board supports the efforts of FWC to develop the proper rules and management policies so that bears are kept in their own environment.

Sincerely,


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