

CARES Recipient Profile



Farm: Crooked Creek Farms, LLC

Location: Jackson & Calhoun Counties

Date of Origination: January 2008

Commodities: Peanuts & Cattle

Steve and Michelle Yoder own and operate Crooked Creek Farms, LLC in Jackson and Calhoun County. Crooked Creek Farms, LLC produces peanuts and raises cattle as a cow/calf operation. The 3rd generation farm is a family-run business with members of the family having an active role in the prosperity of the farm.



Crooked Creek Farms, LLC has implemented BMPs since 2008. BMPs are a set of guidelines that advise producers on how to manage the water, nutrient, and pesticides they are using to reduce agriculture's impact on the state's natural resources. Some of the BMPs that have been implemented include using GPS guided equipment for efficient application of seed, fertilizer and crop control products. Also, cross fencing or fencing of sensitive areas to allow for animal rotation and protection of waterbodies. It is practices like these that ensure their land will remain productive and viable for future generations.

Yoder is involved in his community as a member to the Farm Bureau, Big River Cattlemen's Association, Georgia/Florida Soybean Association Board, Florida Peanuts Producers, and supports 4-H Livestock clubs.

When asked what he enjoys most about farming, Yoder responded, "I enjoy the people that I get to work amongst. This includes neighbors, local suppliers, extension personnel, family members and support industry personnel. There is not another industry that has so many high quality folks to be with. I enjoy the fact that I get to produce food and fiber for so many other people."