

# LORETTA STEPHENS ADDERSON

LORETTA STEPHENS ADDERSON GREW UP IN THE RURAL COMMUNITY OF KEYSVILLE/GOUGH IN BURKE COUNTY, GEORGIA. SHE ATTENDED NOAH'S ARK ELEMENTARY AND GOUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND GRADUATED FROM WAYNESBORO HIGH & INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL IN 1962. IN 1968 LORETTA MARRIED SAMUEL ADDERSON; THEY HAVE 2 DAUGHTERS AND 4 GRANDCHILDREN.

LORETTA RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN DIETETICS AND INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT IN 1968 FROM SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA. SHE CONTINUED TO TAKE ADDITIONAL COURSES IN NUTRITION AND RELATED STUDIES WHILE AT PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICES.

LORETTA IS AN EXPERIENCED NUTRITIONIST WITH EXCEPTIONAL MANAGERIAL SKILLS AND STRONG SUPPORTER OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE. SHE IS THE OWNER/CEO OF LSADDERSON, INC., AND PARTNER OF ADDERSON'S FRESH PRODUCE FARM IN KEYSVILLE, BURKE COUNTY GEORGIA. LORETTA AND HER HUSBAND SAM HAVE BEEN GROWING ORGANIC FRUITS & VEGETABLES SINCE RETIRING IN 2007.

ADDERSON  
FAMILY  
FARMS

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2012 RECOGNIZED BY STANFORD WHO'S WHO AS AN HONORED VIP MEMBER IN AGRICULTURE  
1989 RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF TWO THOUSAND NOTABLE AMERICAN WOMEN

PRIOR TO HER RETIREMENT, LORETTA WAS EMPLOYED WITH PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICES AS NUTRITION ASSISTANT WITH ENEPGRAM AND A FAMILY LIVING AGENT. SHE SPENT TWELVE YEARS WITH PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS AS FIELD SERVICES SUPERVISOR, WHERE SHE WAS HONORED AS "EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR" IN 1985. IN 1989, LORETTA'S HUSBAND ACCEPTED A POSITION WITH PPG INDUSTRIES IN PERRY, GEORGIA. THIS CHANGED HER CAREER PATH AND SHE BECAME FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ARAMARK CAMPUS DINING AT FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY IN FORT VALLEY, GA. DURING HER TENURE AS FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR, LORETTA CONSTANTLY EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS IN MOST DISCIPLINES. IN 1998, SHE AND HER HUSBAND RELOCATED TO MICHIGAN, WHERE LORETTA BECAME BOARD DIRECTOR WITH ARAMARK CAMPUS DINING AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY IN ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN.



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# RUBY FREEMAN



RUBY'S  
PRODUCE

RUBY'S PRODUCE IS WHERE THIS BUSINESS BEGAN ABOUT 60 YEARS AGO WITH WALTER & RUBY FREEMAN. LOCATED ON MERIDIAN ROAD WHERE THE ADDRESSES WERE ROUTE BOX NUMBERS. OUR BUSINESS ADDRESS IS 114 THOMPSON CIRCLE, TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA. WE CARRY LOCAL GROWN PRODUCE LIKE GREENS, COLLARDS, MUSTARDS & TURNIPS WITH ROOTS, SWEET POTATOES, DIFFERENT SEASONAL SQUASH, SOME SEASONAL FRUIT TREES LIKE PEARS AND FIGS. AS A FAMILY, WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT WHAT OUR PARENTS LABORED WITH TO SUPPORT 12 CHILDREN. RUBY'S BAKERY, HOMECANNING, AND CATERING WAS BUILT FROM HARD WORK THAT LABORED TOGETHER. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE LABOR OF OUR PARENTS AS A SMALL FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS.



CETTA BARNHILL  
CEO--SEED TIME HARVEST  
AGENT--NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE

SHE IS THE CEO OF SEED TIME HARVEST FARMS, A COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A FRESH FOOD DELIVERY SERVICE TO FAMILIES IN JEFFERSON, LEON, WAKULLA AND GADSDEN COUNTIES. WORKING WITH A CO-HORT OF NATURAL AND ORGANIC FARMERS IN NORTH FLORIDA AND SOUTH GEORGIA, SHE IS BRINGING NUTRITIOUS AND WHOLESOME FOODS TO THE DOORS OF MANY. SHE ALSO WORKS FOR NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ONE OF THE OLDEST FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY, ADDING TO THE VALUE OF SERVICES SHE BRINGS TO FAMILY'S HOMES IN THE WAY OF LIFE INSURANCE, LONG TERM CARE AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES. SHE IS KNOWN AS THE "FINANCING FARMER" FOR THESE VERY TWO REASONS.

# CETTA BARNHART

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SEED TIME HARVEST FARMS

CETTA BARNHART WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PHILADELPHIA, PA AND LATER MOVED TO TALLAHASSEE TO ATTEND THE ONLY UNIVERSITY OF CHOICE, FLORIDA A&M. AFTER MANY YEARS AND LIFE CHANGES, SHE RECEIVED HER DEGREE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS IN 2003. SHE SAYS HER GREATEST WORK WAS IN THE WORLD OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH WHEN SHE HELPED TRAIN AND MANAGE LABOR AND POST-PARTUM DOULAS UNDER THE TRUE BLUE DOULA PROGRAM FOR JEFFERSON, MADISON AND TAYLOR COUNTIES. THIS WORK LED HER INTO THE COMMUNITIES OF THE REGION SEEING THE GREAT NEEDS OF SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN THE WAY OF HEALTH AND FINANCIAL LITERACY. HAVING TO MAKE SOME CAREER ADJUSTMENTS TO MANAGE HER OWN FAMILY, SHE FOUND HERSELF BRANCHING INTO THE WORLDS OF AGRICULTURE AND FINANCE. WITH THE FOCUS ON HEALTH AND WEALTH SHE CONTINUES HER JOURNEY TO EDUCATE FAMILIES IN THE IMPORTANT AREAS OF BOTH.



SUNDIATA AMEH-EL IS A SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR AND OWNER OF TALLAHASSEE'S ONLY COMPOST PICK UP SERVICE, COMPOST COMMUNITY AND MANAGER OF THE FRENCHTOWN URBAN FARM AND THE PROMISE LAND URBAN FARM. SUNDIATA ALSO ASSISTS IN EDUCATIONAL TOURS AND PROGRAMS AT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES TEACHING GARDEN. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THESE VENTURES, SUNDIATA DEDICATES MUCH OF HIS TIME IN A SERVICE CAPACITY SPEAKING ON COMPOST, GARDENING, HEALTH AND NUTRITION TO VARIOUS GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE TALLAHASSEE AREA AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA. AS A FORMER EDUCATOR, HE IS MOST COMFORTABLE TALKING TO GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS HE CAN ABOUT THE GREAT WORKS WITHIN THE FOOD MOVEMENT, LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.



# SUNDIATA AMEH-EL

COMPOST COMMUNITY



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SOUTHERN BLACK LAND STEWARDS  
PRESENTED BY THE LOLA HAMPTON-FRANK  
PINDER CENTER FOR AGROECOLOGY



# PARKWAY FARMS

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LOLA HAMPTON-FRANK PINDER CENTER  
FOR  
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IN 1932 MY FATHER PURCHASED 207 ACRES OF LAND IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, FL. MY FATHER PAID \$3,600 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY. HE HAD 15 CHILDREN, 9 BOYS AND 6 GIRLS. WE ALL WORKED ON THE FARM WHICH IS HOW WE ALL WAS RAISED. I HAVE FARMED ALL MY LIFE. I WAS BORN MAY 1947 AND FARMING THE LAND IS WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DONE. THIS LAND SUSTAINED OUR FAMILY FOR YEARS. WE PLANTED CORN, TOBACCO, SOYBEANS, PEAS, TOMATOES, MUSTARD AND COLLARD GREENS, A VARIETY OF BEANS, GRAIN SORGHUM, COTTON AS WELL AS NUMEROUS OTHER CROPS.

IN ADDITION TO CROPS WE RAISED CATTLE, HOGS, AND CHICKENS TO SELL AND FOR FOOD FOR OUR FAMILY. MY MOTHER CANNED A VARIETY OF VEGETABLES. WE GREW SUGAR CANE TO MAKE OUR OWN SYRUP. WE HAD A VARIETY OF FRUIT AND PECAN TREES. WE MILKED COWS FOR MILK. THE LAND WE OWNED PROVIDED ALMOST EVERYTHING WE NEEDED. OUR FAMILY RARELY HAD TO GO TO TOWN FOR FOOD SUPPLIES.

IN 1967 I MARRIED MY WIFE OF 55 YEARS. WE ADDED AN ADDITIONAL 55 ACRES OF LAND THAT MY WIFE INHERITED FROM HER GREAT GRANDMOTHER. WE RAISED 5 CHILDREN ON THAT LAND. WE CONTINUE TO FARM TO THIS VERY DAY. WE WORK HARD TO INSTILL IN OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN THE IMPORTANCE OF OWNING LAND. WE WANT YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN TO GROW THEIR FOOD FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS. THEY NEED TO KNOW THE VALUE OF GROWING HEALTHY NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND THE VALUE OF OWNING LAND TO PASS ON TO OTHER GENERATIONS. WE LOVE FARMING AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH FAMU AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT AS THEY AID AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO OUR SMALL FARM.

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# LOLA HAMPTON

LOLA'S  
ORGANIC  
FARM

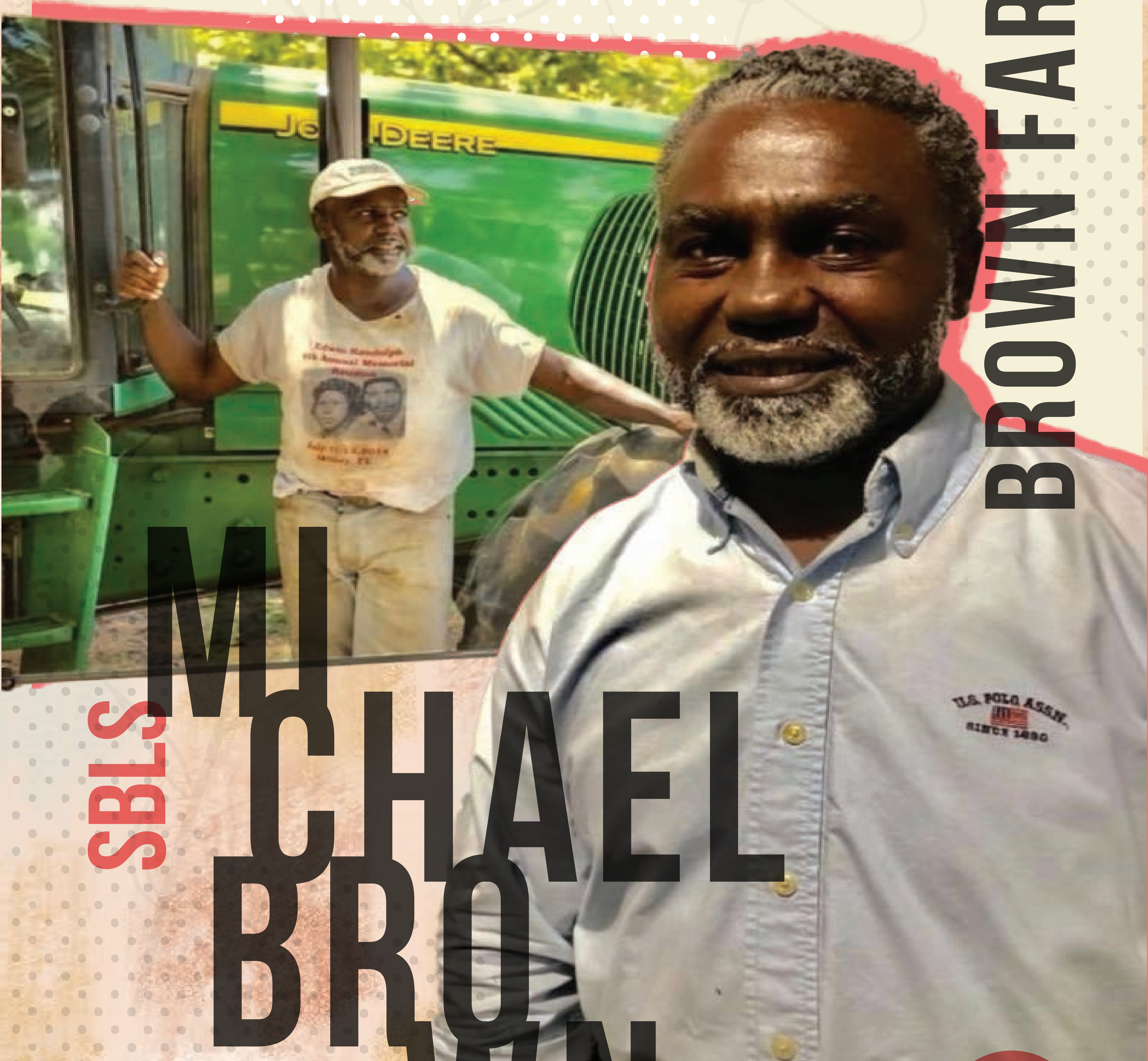
LOLA HAMPTON LIVED AND FARMED THIS LAND BEFORE US. SHE INSPIRES US EVERY DAY TO SLOW DOWN ENOUGH TO ENJOY TODAY. AT LOLA'S ORGANIC FARM WE USE AGROECOLOGY-ORGANIC FARMING STRATEGIES TO GROW DELICIOUS ORGANIC VEGETABLES, FRUITS, HERBS, AND COVER CROPS ALL YEAR. WE ARE CERTIFIED ORGANIC. OUR FARMING STRATEGIES PROMOTE LIFE, HEALTHY SOILS, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS, HEALTHY FOOD AND COMMUNITIES. WE ARE FARMING TO REBUILD THE PATHS TO WALK IN.



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**MICHAEL BROWN, OWNER AND OPERATOR OF BROWN FARMS LLC, IS A NATIVE OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA. MICHAEL BEGAN HIS FARMING CAREER AND DRIVING TRACTORS AT THE AGE OF 4, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF HIS FATHER. HE IS CREDITED IN THE COMMUNITY FOR HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE, THE FARM'S FINELY CUT GREENS, MUSCADINE GRAPES, AND VARIETY OF PRODUCE. MICHAEL TAKES PRIDE IN HIS FAMILY'S LEGACY AND IS PROUD TO SERVE AND PROVIDE PRODUCE TO ALL.**

# BROWN FARMS



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# HENRY

HENRY FAMILY FARM AT BRADFORDVILLE IS ESTABLISHED IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALLEN HENRY, SR. AND EBBYE COLSON HENRY WHO WERE STRONG ADVOCATES OF FAMILY, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY AND SUSTAINABLE MEANS OF PROVIDING HEALTHY FOOD TO THE COMMUNITY. IT IS THE FIRST BLACK FARM IN FLORIDA TO GROW INDUSTRIAL HEMP AS PART OF THE STATE'S PILOT PROGRAM. SITUATED ON 30 ACRES, THE RURAL "FREEDMANS LAND" SITE IS HOME TO MORE THAN 100 YEARS OF TRADITION, INCLUDING THE DEFENSE OF THE LAND FROM "SETTLERS" FROM GEORGIA PRIOR TO STATEHOOD DURING THE SEMINOLE WARS, AND A DECEMBER 26TH BONFIRE, "SHOOTIN' MATCH," AND CELEBRATION THAT WAS A RESPITE FROM ENSLAVEMENT PRIOR TO THE CIVIL WAR. THE SACRED LAND WAS DEEDED BY ORDER OF A JUDGE TO A MATRIARCH, FLORIDA KNIGHT (MOTHER OF ALLEN HENRY, SR.), WHO THEN DIVIDED AND PASSED THE HEIRS' PROPERTY TO HER FOUR SONS. PRIOR TO WWII, THE FARMING FAMILY WAS ORGANIZED AS A PART OF AN EARLIER BLACK FARMING COOPERATIVE OF COOPERATIVES THAT SPANNED THE DEEP SOUTH.

THE FARM IS ALSO THE SITE OF THE BRADFORDVILLE BLUES CLUB AND THE HISTORIC MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL MARKER:

THE BRADFORDVILLE BLUES CLUB WAS AWARDED A MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL MARKER BY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI BLUES COMMISSION FOR THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CLUB AND THE BLUES TO FLORIDA. IT IS THE FIRST MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL MARKER IN FLORIDA AND THE ONLY ONE AWARDED TO A CLUB.

# FAMILY FARMS





# SOUTHERN BLACKLAND STEWARDS

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