

An aerial photograph of a vast, green agricultural field, likely a cornfield, showing distinct rows of crops. A tractor is visible in the lower right quadrant, working the field. The text "Guiding Principles" is overlaid in a large, 3D, orange-to-yellow gradient font, slanted across the center of the image.

Guiding Principles

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***Agriculture is part of our essential habitat,
in exactly the same way that wetlands
are an essential habitat for wading birds.***

— Frank “Sonny” Williamson, Jr.

**Williamson Cattle Company
Immediate past Chair, Governing Board,
South Florida Water Management District**

***For agriculture to be sustainable,
there must be a recognition that farming
is part of a larger natural and human ecosystem,
every element of which
is interconnected and interdependent.***

— John C. Folks

**Environmental Administrator
Florida Department of Agriculture
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***No regulation, land use plan, import duty,
tariff, purchase of development right
or other governmental policy
will be able to sustain agriculture
if it is not profitable for individual operators
— and their suppliers — to remain in business.***

— Craig Evans
President
Florida Stewardship Foundation