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Florida Organic Growers hosting organic farming workshop November 29 in Homestead

(GAINESVILLE, Fla. – November 8, 2016) – [Florida Organic Growers](#) and [Verde Community Farm & Market](#) will be hosting [Growing Organic From the Ground Up: Techniques and Tips for South Florida Success](#), a farmer workshop on Tuesday, November 29th.

The workshop will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Verde Community Farm & Market, 12690 SW 280th Street in Homestead.

Topics include:

- Discussions on organic certification and record keeping
- A farm tour focused on techniques for working with South Florida soil conditions without using chemical inputs.
- A discussion on cover crops
- A demonstration on making and using biochar with on-site waste material, including invasive exotic plants as biomass.
- A talk on the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and how it relates to growers

Speakers are Chuck Lyons, Verde Community Farm & Market manager, Joe Pierce, Permaculture enthusiast and Jeff Wasielewski, M.S., Commercial Tropical Fruit Crops Extension Agent with the University of Florida/IFAS Miami-Dade County Extension.

The cost is \$25 and includes coffee and lunch. Coffee is donated by Sweetwater Organic Coffee Company and lunch will be provided by Munch Thyme.

There are scholarships available, please contact Star Tarrant at star@foginfo.org or call 352-377-6355 if interested.

For more information or to register, please [visit the event page](#) or contact FOG at education@foginfo.org

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About Florida Organic Growers

Florida Organic Growers (FOG) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987. FOG promotes organic agriculture and healthy and just food systems by informing producers, consumers, media, institutions and governments about the benefits of organic and sustainable agriculture. For more information, please visit www.foginfo.org.

About Verde Community Farm & Market

Verde Community Farm & Market is a USDA Organic certified not-for-profit farm operated by Carrfour Supportive Housing as a part of the Verde Gardens Community located in Homestead, Florida. Their produce is available at various markets around town, local restaurants as well as at their farmers market on Saturdays during the growing season. The dollars spent at the market go towards hiring and training at-risk community members who work at the farm and market and to building the infrastructure to support this program, with special consideration for the residents of Carrfour Supportive Housing's Verde Gardens community.