

## 2019-20 Crop Report & Update



Dear Friend,

Welcome back to our 42nd CITRUS SEASON and thanks for choosing Al's Family Farms! I am especially pleased to report God has blessed us with another storm-free Summer and excellent growing conditions. Good weather combined with diligent grove care has produced healthy trees and a spectacular crop of your favorite, world famous, Indian River Citrus. Plump, seedless Navels, Indian River Ruby Red Grapefruit and those glorious, 100% Florida grown, Honeybells are all ripening on schedule. Since I'm a navel lover and Navels are the first variety to ripen, I was craving some so I picked a few early navels to bring home this week. I was pleasantly surprised with their high juice content and sugar level so early in the season. If they're tasting this good now, I can hardly wait to share them with you at Thanksgiving and Christmas. That's when our Indian River Navels really reach their peak of ripeness. We should have "early" Navels, Grapefruit and fresh juice in our gift shop by Nov. 1. "Shipping quality" fruit should be ready by mid-November.

Our oldest son, Brad returned home safely from his Marines deployment to Afghanistan and is back, working again as a St. Lucie County firefighter. On his days off he helps me by doing most of the grove mowing. Matt (now 21) is in his final semester as a citrus major at Florida Southern College and will graduate in December. We're fortunate he's studied the latest growing techniques and has decided to pursue a career in Florida citrus.

If you're ever on I-95, in the Ft. Pierce/Vero Beach area, please stop in, we're easy to find. I'd love to meet you and share a <u>free glass of the best orange juice you've ever tasted</u>. We can go on a little tour if you like. I can show you how our team packs the pretty fruit for you as well as your gift recipients, and how we squeeze the not so pretty into perfect juice. You can browse the gift shop or enjoy lunch at our groveside cafe. <u>Guided Tours</u> are given at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday thru Friday, Jan. 2 thru April 15. (See other side for complete tour information).

**Directions** – Take I-95 to Ft. Pierce, Exit #131, Orange Ave. W (SR 68). Proceed to first light turning right/ north onto Kings Hwy (SR 713). Keep going past Flying J's, one mile to next light (Angle Rd.). Proceed thru light and turn left into our driveway! 2001 N. Kings Hwy, Ft. Pierce FL 34951. (See map on other side)

#### After 42 Years, we still do things the old-fashioned way

\*Closed Sundays

You deserve the Al's Family Farms difference... <u>Rest assured you can still trust Al's to pick, pack and ship your citrus</u> <u>ourselves.</u> As growers and packers our fruit is typically twice as fresh as anything you've ever tasted. If you demand consistently good fruit and unequaled service, you've found it. When you entrust your gift list to Al's you know each gift will arrive in excellence. Our job is to make you look good. Here's our simple, family pledge–

### Let everything we do be a blessing to our customers

I too, feel like you're a part of the family. While Dad was alive we worked together everyday. I'm 2nd generation. My sons represent the 3rd, with Brad and Matt helping me in the grove and packinghouse. Although Al passed away in 1987, I still practice what he and the Lord have taught me. That's why our guarantee is the strongest in the business! Dad wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

Yours truly,

The Schorner Family

P.S. This is truly a hard-working, American-family run, small business that takes pride in your fruit. Both sons Brad and Matt, learned the meaning of hard work out in the grove and packinghouse. If we can't share a hand shake or a smile at our packinghouse & gift shop, you can always visit us online at www.AlsFamilyFarms.com or simply call us Toll Free: 1-800-544-3366.



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(Over, please)



Walk along our wet-line & watch the fruit roll by!

Al's Family Farms

"The Florida Thing To Do!"

**Directions To Al's Family Farms** 

Angle Rd 95

Exit 15 (SR 70

(713)

Kings Hw

Belcher Canal

Exit 131 (Orange Ave W)

To Al's Family Farms

Fort Pierce

Al's Family Farms >

68

Orange Ave

70 Okeechobee Rd

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Taste "World Famous" Indian River Citrus, and our own fresh squeezed orange juice!

Learn citrus facts and a little Florida history!

Step into our historic red barn packinghouse & see us pack pretty fruit! Browse the gift shop.

After your tour, enjoy a tasty meal at our own "grove-side" Cafe!

Emma, enjoys a Honeybell while playing in the O.J. Corral at Al's.

# **Fresh Squeezed Juice Restaurant • Gift Shipping**

Our one hour guided tour will walk you along our wet-line and take you into the packinghouse where you will see for yourselves, how Florida citrus is processed. You'll hear some Florida Citrus Facts, taste fresh picked fruit and sample our own fresh squeezed orange juice.

## **2019 TOUR SCHEDULE**

Guided Tours are given by reservation at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday thru Friday, January 2 thru April 15, 2020. Call 1-800-544-3366 and ask for Tours. Group Tours available.

\$8.50 VIP Tour includes a guided tour of the wet-line and packinghouse, plus a visit to the "O.J. Corral" and observation groves.

Please wear closed-toe shoes • Tour is not handicapped accessible Ask about our military discount with proper I.D..



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