



Karen Stauderman

Commercial Horticulture
Extension Agent III

BIOGRAPHY

Karen Stauderman, Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent III, UF/IFAS Extension Volusia County

Specializing: Commercial Horticulture, Alternative Crops, IPM, Pesticide Training, and Ag Awareness

Karen is a native of Oregon when she graduated from Oregon State University with dual bachelor degrees in Plant Pathology and Horticulture and later a master's degree in Entomology from the University of Florida.

She's been a resident of Florida since 1988, and worked as a Biological Scientist for UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research & Education Center of Florida for over 11 years. She began in the entomology and the plant pathology department in UF/IFAS Sanford Research & Education Center with ornamental crops, fern and carrots, on pesticide products, fungal and viral pathogens.

In 2000, she left research to obtain experience in teaching High School Science for 6 years at Eustis High School before returning back to the University of Florida in extension where she began in 2007 as the Residential /Master Gardener Coordinator for five years and in 2010 as the **Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent** for Volusia County where she currently works. Karen's efforts are focused with the commercial industry of cut foliage, citrus, vegetables, sports and golf course turf, and Integrated Pest Management. Karen also specializes on alternative crops for Central Florida including commercial production of alternative crops. She provides research based information to the growers, increased farm economics, sustainable farming and agriculture awareness. She also teaches restricted use pesticide training to new and current pesticide applicators throughout the Central Florida where her themed programs have been recognized nationally.

In 1996, she and her husband, Harry and daughter Lynn established Oak Haven Farms & Winery in Sorrento, Florida. It is a U-pick strawberry farm, restaurant, licensed winery and vineyard where they sell their award-winning wines, strawberry desserts.