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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE WAY FAMILY FARMS, INC.**

We, the undersigned, natural persons of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, acting as Incorporators of a Corporation not-for-profit, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation not-for-profit, pursuant to Chapters 617 and 607 of the Florida Statutes:

Article 1: Corporate Name and Address

The name of the Corporation shall be:

The Way Family Farms, Inc.

The principal place of business of this Corporation is:

4200 Canongate Court
Spring Hill, Florida 34609

The mailing address of this Corporation is:

Post Office Box 517
Brooksville, Florida 34605

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Article 2: Corporate Purpose

This Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purpose for which this Corporation is organized is to grow and market high quality specialty crops, initially hydroponic vegetable and herb crops. The Corporation will be a double bottom line business, focused on ensuring a supportive work environment for youths and select, non-violent ex-offenders. Excess income will be used to provide security and cash flow for the business and to support other faith- and community-based programs. The social outcome is expected to be numerous and far-reaching. A select group of youth, former non-violent ex-offenders, and others will be hired to enhance their abilities and to strengthen our community. They will learn firsthand how to operate a business and will gain job readiness skills transferable to diverse business environments. All will gain solid work experience and be better prepared to compete in the job market. Our business will be structured in such a way as to encourage and enhance community relationships, whether it is our local community or our community of mail order customers.

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Article 3: Restrictions on Corporate Powers

The Corporation shall possess all powers granted Corporations not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida and shall be subject to all restrictions imposed upon such corporations and in addition thereto the following restrictions shall pertain:

- 3.01 Net Earnings: No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make expenditures in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2, hereof.
- 3.02 Activities: No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Article 4: Duration of Corporate Existence

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

Articles 5: Disposition of Assets Upon Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article 6: Members

- 6.01 Eligibility: Membership shall be open to all nature persons over the age of eighteen (18) years who are interested in furthering the charitable purposes of this Corporation as set forth in Article 2. Membership status shall be determined by the Board of Directors in the adoption of Bylaws and Amendments thereto from time to time, and may embrace the qualifications for active, inactive, honorary, sustaining, and lifetime membership, and establish membership fees therefor.
- 6.02 Meeting: Membership meetings shall be held as scheduled and notice shall be given each member in advance of such meeting as determined by the Board of Directors in the adoption of Bylaws.

Article 7: Officers

- 7.01 Defined: The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall perform the usual functions of said offices together with such additional Officers as may be from time to time constituted and appointed by the Board of Directors or as may be provided in the Bylaws.
- 7.02 Election: Officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors at annual meetings of the Board of Directors. All officers shall continue to serve until the election of their successors.
- 7.03 Initial: The names and addresses of the Officers who are to serve until the First Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors are:

President:	Douglas Maura, Sr. 4200 Canongate Court Spring Hill, Florida 34609
Vice President:	Mary Frances Sesler 1076 Piercewood Point Brooksville, Florida 34602
Secretary:	Mary E. Maura 4200 Canongate Court Spring Hill, Florida 34609
Treasurer:	Melinda Leonard 5437 Colchester Avenue Spring Hill, Florida 34608

- 7.04 Vacancies: Any vacancy appearing in any office prior to the First Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be filled by Action of the Board of Directors and any vacancy occurring after the First Annual Meeting shall be filled in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article 8: Board of Directors

- 8.01 Defined: The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors, each of whom shall be members of the Corporation and shall be elected by the membership in the manner provided for in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors may be increased or decreased as provided in the Bylaws, but in no case shall the number of Directors be less than three (3).
- 8.02 Term: Directors shall hold their offices for one (1) year or such other period as the Bylaws shall determine and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify.
- 8.03 Number: The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is three (3) persons and the names and addresses of those who are to serve as initial Directors until the First Annual Meeting of the Corporation and the election and qualification of their successors are as follows:

Jimmie L. Leonard, Sr.
5437 Colchester Avenue
Spring Hill, Florida 34608

Frederick Maura
5 Mae View Circle
Brooksville, Florida 34601

Michael Mobley
4701 Keysville Avenue
Spring Hill, Florida 34608

Article 9: Acceptance of Gifts, Devises, and Bequests; Application Thereof

The Officers or Directors of the Corporation may accept on its behalf any designated contribution, gift, or devise consistent with the general purposes of the Corporation. Where consistent with the needs of the Corporation, designated contributions by donors will be accepted and designations honored as to special funds, purposes, or uses. The Corporation at all times reserves all rights over, interest in, and

control of such contributions in the full discretion as to the ultimate expenditure or distribution of the contribution in satisfaction of any specified fund, purpose, or use. The Corporation shall, at all times, have full control over all donated funds and discretion as to their use so as to ensure that all contributions will be used to carry out its purposes as set out in Article 2. In the event the Corporation shall be beneficiary of any gift, devise, or bequest, subject to conditions subsequent with respect to the administration or alienation of said property, the corporation shall, at all times, act in a manner consistent with such conditions and the purposes to be served by such conditions.

Article 10: Adoption and Amendment of ByLaws

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be as adopted by the first Board of Directors. The Bylaws may thereafter be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting thereof, provided that notice of such meeting containing the text of the proposed Bylaw amendment is furnished to each Director at least five (5) days prior to such meeting.

Article 11: Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

- 11.01 By Directors: Amendments of the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall be subject to ratification and approval by a two-thirds (2/3) of the membership voting at any regular or special meeting in which a quorum is present, provided that written notice of such meeting containing the text of the proposed amendments be furnished each member not less than ten (10) days prior to such meeting.
- 11.02 By Members: Amendments may be proposed by any member and may be considered at the annual or any regular meeting of the membership, provided that written notice of any such amendment or amendments shall be given in writing to all members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which such amendment or amendments is or are to be considered. An amendment shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members voting, a quorum being present.

Article 12: Registered Agent

The Corporation's initial Registered Agent maintains an office at:

4200 Canongate Court
Spring Hill, Florida 34609

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The Registered Agent at this address is:

Douglas Maura, Sr.

Article 13: Incorporator

The names and addresses of each person signing these Articles are:

Douglas Maura, Sr.
4200 Canongate Court
Spring Hill, Florida 34809

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 15th day of December, 2007.

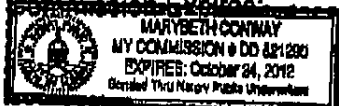
x Douglas Maura Sr
DOUGLAS MAURA, SR.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Hernando

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 15th day of December, 2007, by Douglas Maura, who is personally known to me or who produced FL Drivers License as identification and who did or did not take an oath.

My Commission Expires:



[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated not-for-profit Corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2007.

x Douglas Maura Sr
DOUGLAS MAURA, SR.

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