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COVER LETTER

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Turgrass Producers of Florida, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

■ \$70.00
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: J. Steven Souhtwell, II

Name (Printed or typed)

P.O. Box 1748

Address

Wauchula, Florida 33873

City, State & Zip

(863) 773-4449

Daytime Telephone number

ssouthwell@morrellpa.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

Turfgrass Producers of Florida, Inc.

The undersigned to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I.

NAME

The name of this Corporation is:

Turfgrass Producers of Florida, Inc.

ARTICLE II.

PERMITTED BUSINESSES AND ACTIVITIES

This Corporation may engage in every phase of any and all activities or businesses permitted by the laws of the United States and Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes (the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Act) or any other state, territory, district, or possession of the United States and all such activities or businesses as may be permitted in any foreign country. Specifically, and without limiting the foregoing, this corporation is designated for the purpose to promote education and research regarding turfgrass and to promote the well-being of turfgrass producers in Florida.

ARTICLE III.

TERM OF EXISTENCE

The existence of this Corporation is to begin at the time of incorporation and

acknowledgment of these Articles of Incorporation and to continue perpetually thereafter.

ARTICLE IV.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS

The street address of the initial principal office of the Corporation in the State of Florida is

4002 Teak Court, LaBelle, Florida 33935. The mailing address of the Corporation is P. O. Box

217, LaBelle, FL 33975. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal office

to any other address in Florida, and may establish branch offices in such other place or places

within or without the State of Florida as it may designate.

ARTICLE V.

REGISTERED AGENT

The Registered Agent of the Corporation and the address of the Registered Agent and

Registered Office of the Corporation shall be as follows:

<u>Name</u>

<u>Address</u>

Betsy McGill

4002 Teak Court

LaBelle, Florida 33935

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ARTICLE VI.

ORIGINAL INCORPORATORS

The Original Incorporators are as follows:

Keith Truenow

Lake Jem Farms, Inc. 26714 Oak Shadow Lane Mt. Dora, FL 32757

Eric Hjort

Tater Farms LLC P. O. Box 759 Hastings, FL 32145

Ed Hamilton

A. Duda & Sons, Inc. P. O. Box 2015 Belle Glade, FL 33430 Paul Grose

King Ranch P. O. Box 1210 Belle Glade, FL 33430

Mac Carraway

SMR Farms, Inc. 4715 Lorraine Road Bradenton, FL 34211

James Maulden

McCall Sod Farm, Inc. 2704 Maulden Road Southport, FL 32409

Chuck Todd

Bethel Farms 8780 NW Bethel Farms Road Arcadia, FL 34266

ARTICLE VII.

DIRECTORS

This Corporation shall have seven (7) Directors initially. The number of Directors may be increased or diminished from time to time, as provided in the By-Laws. The initial Directors shall be:

Keith Truenow

Lake Jem Farms, Inc. 26714 Oak Shadow Lane Mt. Dora, FL 32757

Eric Hjort

Tater Farms LLC P. O. Box 759 Hastings, FL 32145 **Ed Hamilton**

A. Duda & Sons, Inc. P. O. Box 2015 Belle Glade, FL 33430

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James Maulden McCall Sod Farm, Inc. 2704 Maulden Road Southport, FL 32409

ARTICLE VIII.

DIRECTORS' AUTHORITY

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct the business of the Corporation as stated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX.

APPOINTMENT/ ELECTION OF DIRECTOR(S)

The method of appointment or election of Directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all rights conferred on members herein are granted and subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 1944 day of Movember, 2012, for the purpose of forming this Corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, and I hereby make and file with the Department of State of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation, and certify that the facts herein stated are true.

KEITH TRUENOW, Director

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF Lake

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19 day of November 2012, by KEITH TRUENOW, who is personally known to me or who has produced as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

(Type/Print/Stamp Name)

Serial Number, if any

VICKIE L. LYNCH
Commission # EE 052043
Expires March 9, 2015
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NOTARIAL STAMP

Acknowledgement:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above corporation at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

BETSY MCGILL, Registered Agent

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