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LIZA BRADFORD
5700 SW 34TH ST
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SUBJECT: FLORIDA COTTON GROWER ASSOCIATION, INC
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We have received your document for FLORIDA COTTON GROWER ASSOCIATION, INC and check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

The articles of incorporation of a nonprofit corporation must be prepared in compliance with section 617.0202, Florida Statutes. Please refer to that section of the law for assistance.

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SUBJECT: _____
FLORIDA COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION, 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
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: LIZA BRADFORD, FLORIDA FARM BUREAU FED

Name (Printed or typed)

5700 SW 34TH STREET

Address

GAINESVILLE, FL 32608

City, State & Zip

352-548-5165

Daytime Telephone number

liza.bradford@ffbf.org

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
FLORIDA COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC
(A Florida Corporation)**

In compliance with the requirements of F.S. Chapter 617.0202, the undersigned, being a natural person, does hereby act as the incorporator in adopting and filing the following articles of incorporation for the purpose of organizing a business corporation.

**ARTICLE I
NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of the corporation shall be **FLORIDA COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Principal Office Address:
5700 SW 34th Street
Gainesville, FL 32608

Mailing Address, if different is:
P.O. Box 147030
Gainesville, FL 32614-7030

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**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

1. Promoting and protecting the interests of the Florida cotton industry;
2. Uniting all persons engaged or interested in the production, marketing, distribution, and utilization of cotton for the collection of information, and to foster, develop, and promote cooperation and coordination within the industry;
3. Collecting and disseminating, by publications and otherwise, the best available information relating to both practical and scientific data, in order to improve the cotton industry and to render all possible service to the general public;
4. Encouraging the interest of federal, state, and local governments, experiment stations, and industry throughout the state to further promote educational and scientific projects which will aid the entire cotton industry in the state;
5. Encouraging proper cultural and cultivation practices and soil conservation in the production of cotton; and,
6. To do all things needful, necessary, suitable, and proper to carry-out the above objectives.

**ARTICLE IV
MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed is as stated by the bylaws.

ARTICLE V
INITIAL DIRECTOR

The initial board of directors shall consist of one initial director, which shall serve and act as the director until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until its successors are elected. The name and address of the person who shall act and serve as the initial director are set forth below.

James Marshall, President	6598 Hilton Trail, Baker, FL 32531
Scott Walker, Vice President	3510 Velor Road, McDavid, FL 32568
Paul Griswold, Director	8935 Hwy 89, Milton, FL 32570
Ryan Jenkins, Director	5074 Sasser Rd, Jay, FL 32565
Josh Davis, Director	1035 Falling Waters Rd, Chipley, FL 32428
Larry Ford, Director	PO Box 449, Greenwood, FL 32443
Lance Jackson, Director	1476 Underwood Rd, Graceville, FL 32440
Mike Jordan, Director	5635 Line Rd, Bascom, FL 32423
Phillip Melvin	25410 NE Shorty Segers Rd, Altha, FL 32421
Clay Fulford, Director	3212 Fulford Rd, Monticello, FL 32344
Phillip Marshall, At-Large	5206 Pitnic Road, Jay, FL 32565

ARTICLE IV
REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Liza Bradford
5700 SW 34th Street
Gainesville, FL 32608

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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature of Registered Agent Liza J. Bradford Date 2/23/2024

ARTICLE VII
NAME OF INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these articles of incorporation is:

James Marshall
5700 SW 34th Street
Gainesville, FL 32608

ARTICLE VIII
EFFECTIVE DATE

The Duration of this Corporation shall be in perpetuity, which shall commence on July 14, 2022.
The period of duration shall remain in effect unless the Corporation is dissolved earlier by operation of law or by the provisions of its operating agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator hereby executes this Articles of Incorporation this 23 day of February 2024.

Signature of Incorporator James Marshall
Name of Incorporator James Marshall

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Affidavit – Release of Corporate Name

State of Florida

County of Jackson

I James Marshall, hereby release the use of the corporate name Florida Cotton Growers Association, Inc.

Articles of Dissolution were filed on January 22, 2024. This corporation was inadvertently set up as a Profit Corporation on May 13, 2023.

This corporation should be set up as a Not-For Profit corporation.

I hereby swear or affirm that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that no relevant information has been omitted.

Dated:

2-23-24

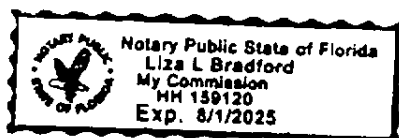
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James Marshall

Notary Public:

Liza L. Bradford

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