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Requestor's Name

Please find enclosed:  
1) Articles of incorporation and  
2) Check for \$70<sup>00</sup> filing fee  
for non-profit organization  
for the FLORIDA PERSIMMON  
GROWERS ASSOCIATION  
Secretary E. Carlton Myers  
14651 NE CR 339 (R 3 B107)  
Trenton FL 32693  
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E. CARLTON MYERS  
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SUBJECT: FLORIDA PERSIMMON GROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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We have received your document for FLORIDA PERSIMMON GROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (904) 487-6931.

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Articles of Incorporation  
of  
FLORIDA PERSIMMON GROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE

The undersigned hereby incorporate pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as follows:

I. NAME

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

II. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

III. INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The initial principal office of the corporation is 23950 N.E. 135th Avenue Rd., (P.O. Box 183), Orange Springs, FL 32182.

IV. PURPOSE

This corporation is organized for the purpose of promoting the growing and marketing of persimmons in Florida, including, but not limited to, research, development, and education regarding propagation, cultivation, harvesting, packaging, marketing and advertising. It is intended that this be a cooperative endeavor involving all persimmon growers that choose to be members.

V. DIRECTORS

The number of Directors of the corporation shall be provided in the Bylaws of the corporation. The directors shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting.

Directors may be elected for one year terms or staggered

terms of not more than three years as provided in the Bylaws, and shall serve until their successor is elected.

#### VI. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statutes, the following specific provisions are made for the regulation of the business and the conduct of the affairs of the corporation.

(a) Subject to such restrictions, if any, as are herein expressed and such further restrictions, if any, as may be set forth in the Bylaws, the board of directors shall have the general management and control of the business and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation except such as may be by statute, or by the Articles of Incorporation or amendment thereto, or by the Bylaws as constituted from time to time, expressly conferred upon or reserved to the stockholders.

(b) The corporation shall have such officers as may from time to time be provided in the Bylaws and such officers shall be designated in such manner and shall hold their offices for such time and shall have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Bylaws, or as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors subject to the Bylaws.

#### VII. POWERS

This corporation shall have the power to do any act generally permitted to corporations under the laws of Florida.

#### VIII. REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of the corporation is 23950 N.E. 135th Avenue Rd., (P.O. Box 183), Orange Springs, FL 32182. The initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is Vernon A. Tucker.

#### IX. INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the original incorporators of the corporation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Vernon A. Tucker	P.O. Box 183, Orange Springs, FL 32182
Richard Helbling	8050 N.W. 15th Manor, Plantation, FL 33322
E. Carlton Myers	Rt. 3, Box 107, Trenton, FL 32693
James D. Mercer	Rt. 3, Box 370-A, Chiefland, FL 32626
Richard M. Blackwell	6115 Main Street, New Port Richey, FL 34653
Sara McLucas Brummer	5256 W. Anthony Road, Ocala, FL 34479
Lisa N. Lewis	7425 Calvin Lee Rd., Groveland, FL 34736
Edna M. Haase	Rt. 1, Box 315, Interlachen, FL 32148
Pierre Thomas	20001 Bowman Road, Spring Hill, FL 34610

#### X. INITIAL DIRECTORS

The initial directors of the corporation, who shall serve until their successor is elected, are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Vernon A. Tucker, President	P.O. Box 183, Orange Springs, FL 32182
Richard Helbling, Vice-Pres.	8050 N.W. 15th Manor, Plantation, FL 33322
E. Carlton Myers, Secretary	Rt. 3, Box 107, Trenton, FL 32693
James D. Mercer, Treasurer	Rt. 3, Box 370-A, Chiefland, FL 32626
Richard M. Blackwell	6115 Main Street, New Port Richey, FL 34653
Sara McLucas Brummer	5256 W. Anthony Road, Ocala, FL 34479
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Pierre Thomas

20001 Bowman Road, Spring Hill, FL  
34610

#### XI. MEMBERS

Any person who grows persimmons or who intends to grow persimmons in Florida, and who pays the annual membership dues provided by the bylaws, may be a member of the corporation. The bylaws may provide for difference classes of members with a different annual membership fee for each class and different voting rights for each class.

#### XII. EXEMPT PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for public purposes as a not-for-profit corporation within the meaning of Section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code, and its activities shall be conducted for such purposes and in such a manner that no part of its direct earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer or individual. In addition, the corporation shall be authorized to exercise the powers permitted non-profit corporations under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes; provided, however, that the corporation in exercising any one or more powers shall do so in furtherance of the exempt purpose for which it has been organized as described in Section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code or any amendments or additions thereto.

#### XIII. AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the stockholders, and approved at a

stockholders' meeting by a majority of the stock entitled to vote thereon, unless all the directors and all of the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

#### XIV. DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this corporation all of its assets remaining after the payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be distributed to the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida, or an organization which is qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code for the same or similar purpose as this corporation, and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer or director of the corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Subscribers have executed these Articles and acknowledged their execution by separate counterparts attached hereto.

Articles of Incorporation  
Florida Persimmon Growers Association, Inc.  
Execution counterpart

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CLERK OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Executed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1996.

Vernon A. Tucker  
Vernon A. Tucker

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Alachua

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1996, by Vernon A. Tucker, (✓) who is personally known to me or ( ) who has produced as identification and who did/did not take an oath.

William C. Andrews  
(print name)  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
My commission expires re  
OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL  
WILLIAM C ANDREWS  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION NO. CC504316  
MY COMMISSION EXP. OCT. 23, 1999

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby accept the designation as the registered agent of  
FLORIDA PERSIMMON GROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Vernon A. Tucker  
(signature)



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Florida Persimmon Growers Association, Inc.  
Execution counterpart

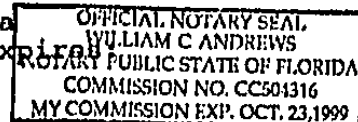
Executed this 26 day of March, 1996.

Richard Holbling  
Richard Holbling

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Alachua

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1996, by Richard Holbling,  
( ☒ ) who is personally known to me or ( ) who has produced \_\_\_\_\_  
as identification and who did/did  
not take an oath.

William C. Andrews  
(print name) WILLIAM C. ANDREWS  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_



Articles of Incorporation  
Florida Persimmon Growers Association, Inc.  
Execution counterpart

Executed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1996.

E. Carlton Myers  
E. Carlton Myers

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Alachua

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1996, by E. Carlton Myers,  
(☒) who is personally known to me or ( ) who has produced \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did/did  
not take an oath.

William C. Andrews  
(print name)  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_  
OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL  
WILLIAM C. ANDREWS  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
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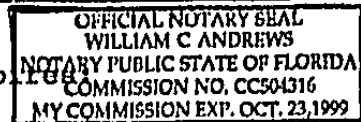
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James D. Mercer  
James D. Mercer

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Alachua

30th The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  
day of April, 1996, by James D. Mercer, (   
✓ ) who is personally known to me or ( ) who has produced \_\_\_\_\_  
as identification and who did/did  
not take an oath.

William C. Andrews  
(print name)  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
My commission expires 1999



Articles of Incorporation  
Florida Persimmon Growers Association, Inc.  
Execution counterpart

Executed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1996.

Richard M. Blackwell  
Richard M. Blackwell

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Alachua

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1996, by Richard M. Blackwell,  
( ☒ ) who is personally known to me or ( ☐ ) who has produced \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did/did  
not take an oath.

William C. Anderson  
(print name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
My commission expires:

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Florida Persimmon Growers Association, Inc.  
Execution counterpart

Executed this 26 day of March, 1996.

Sara McLucas Brummor  
Sara McLucas Brummor

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Alachua

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  
26 day of April, 1996, by Sara McLucas Brummor,  
(☒) who is personally known to me or ( ) who has produced \_\_\_\_\_  
as identification and who did/did  
not take an oath.

William C Andrews  
(print name)  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

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WILLIAM C ANDREWS  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION NO. CC504316  
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Florida Persimmon Growers Association, Inc.  
Execution counterpart

Executed this 26 day of March, 1996.

Lisa N. Lewis  
Lisa N. Lewis

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Alachua

26th The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  
day of March, 1996, by Lisa N. Lewis, ( X )  
who is personally known to me or ( ) who has produced \_\_\_\_\_  
as identification and who did/did not  
take an oath.

William C. Andrews  
(print name)  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL  
WILLIAM C. ANDREWS  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION NO. CC504316  
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Florida Parsimmon Growers Association, Inc.  
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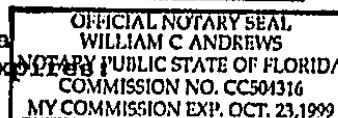
Executed this 26 day of March, 1996.

Edna M. Haaso  
Edna M. Haaso

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Alachua

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1996, by Edna M. Haaso, (✓)  
who is personally known to me or ( ) who has produced \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did/did not  
take an oath.

William C. Andrews  
(print name)  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_



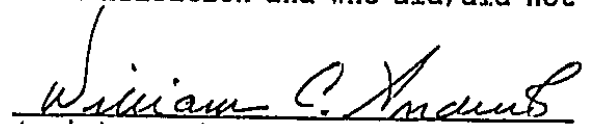
Articles of Incorporation  
Florida Persimmon Growers Association, Inc.  
Execution counterpart

Executed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1996.

  
Pierre Thomas

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Alachua

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1996, by Pierre Thomas, ( )  
who is personally known to me or ( ) who has produced \_\_\_\_\_  
as identification and who did/did not  
take an oath.

  
(print name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL WILLIAM C. ANDREWS NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION NO. CC501316 MY COMMISSION EXP. OCT. 23, 1999
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