



## **USDA-CSREES 2007 National Water Quality Conference**

### [Florida's Water Supply Issues: Getting Involved in the Educational Process](#)

Florida adds about 700 new residents per day, with much of the growth occurring in the peninsula. For example, by 2020 south Florida's mostly urban population is expected to increase by 25%. With this population growth comes a major increase in water demand. At the same time, agriculture and natural systems will also compete for their share of a limited resource. Florida's water management districts are under pressure from all sides to fairly allocate water among users. One component of the strategy is to develop alternative water supplies (e.g. new reservoirs and deep aquifer storage), while another lies in water conservation (wastewater re-use and improved water use efficiency). Regardless of their specialization, county agents are being asked to help their clientele to plan future water resource use. This presentation describes how we educate Florida's county agents about contemporary and future water supply issues so they can effectively contribute to informed decision-making at the local level.

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