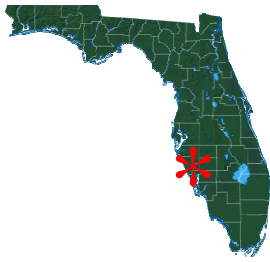


Florida Organic Farm Spotlight



Hot Shotz Organics

Promoting organic consumption fresh from Florida.



Who are Florida's HotShotz? They are Bill Kazokas and Mike Smith, certified organic farmers working the land in Myakka, Florida. Bill self describes the duo as a "redneck and a preppie". Their combined forces, strong commitment to their partnership, and the desire to have fun while farming result in some of the most beautiful local product we've seen from small scale farmers. Mike's been in Florida for over 30 years, educated in The School of Hard Knocks. Bill, on the other hand, is an academic. He did organic farm inspections for FOG/QCS while studying horticulture at University of Florida. He wound up with his PhD (just call him Dr. Bill) and headed off to Baja with his family to live off the land. On his list of travels - residency in Australia running an organic herb farm. Still, he just couldn't resist coming home to the local sandy soil. He met his farming partner Mike in a research station while breeding conventional tomatoes and they've been partners ever since. This year, they harvested sweet onions that taste like candy, lush collards and chards and lettuces. Next year will certainly be interesting as the two "HotShotz" continue to put together a "box that is good all the way to the bottom".



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