



# Florida Agricultural Policy Outlook Conference

Florida Legislative Session Recap

March 21, 2022



# Site-Specific Nutrient Management

## SB1000/HB1291

- Maintains current BMP compliance measures for all enrolled producers
- IFAS studies/research plan for other crops (*See IFAS approps request*)
- CCA + 4R provisions for citrus producers (until 2027)
- Sponsored by Sen. Ben Albritton and Rep. Lawrence McClure



# Pollution Control Standards (DERM)

## SB1210/HB909

- Dade Co. regulation presumes all ag lands are contaminated, leading to costly & burdensome process
- Ensures environmental site evaluation follows widely accepted practices
  - DEP retains exclusive jurisdiction of establishing standards
- Sponsored by Sen. Ben Albritton and Rep. Bobby Payne



# BUDGET SUCCESS - FINAL IFAS

- \*\*\*\* ➤ **\$8,763,753** - Research on nutrient application rate on citrus, corn, green beans, tomatoes, and potatoes with the intention of adding additional crops.
- \*\*\*\* ➤ **\$3,615,000** – UF/IFAS base budget (Workload).
- \*\*\*\* ➤ **\$1,100,000** - Geomatics program, an undergraduate program in the study of Geospatial Analysis, Surveying and Mapping and more.
- \*\*\*\* ➤ **\$2.2 million** - Ecosystem Services Project which will develop an artificial intelligence (AI) tool to identify, validate, and quantify ecosystem services delivered by agricultural and natural systems in Florida.
- \*\*\*\* ➤ **\$2.5 million** - Florida Friendly Landscaping to expand the program, outreach, and promotion to encourage ecologically sustainable, science-based landscaping practices to protect water resources.
- \*\*\*\* ➤ **\$1.9 million** - Two student dorms. Graduate Students at the West Florida REC will benefit from much needed housing which is very limited in rural areas.





# Huge Wins for FDACS Funding!

Conservation Easements

**\$300M**

(Rural & Family Lands)

FL Ag Promotion

**\$19M**

(Fresh from Florida)

Specialty Crop

**\$1.5M**

Block Grants





# (MORE THAN) 60 DAYS OF SESSION

- Agritourism tax assessments (Rep. Tomkow)
  - Bona fide ag use is recognized
- Aquaculture Land Valuation (Rep. Tuck)
  - Consistency in ag assessment; 5-year moving avg for income methodology
- SFWMD commitments to Everglades funding (SB2508)
- Soil & Water Conservation District qualifications
  - Must be in “actively engaged in agriculture” and represent subdivisions



# LOOKING AHEAD

- **REDISTRICTING**

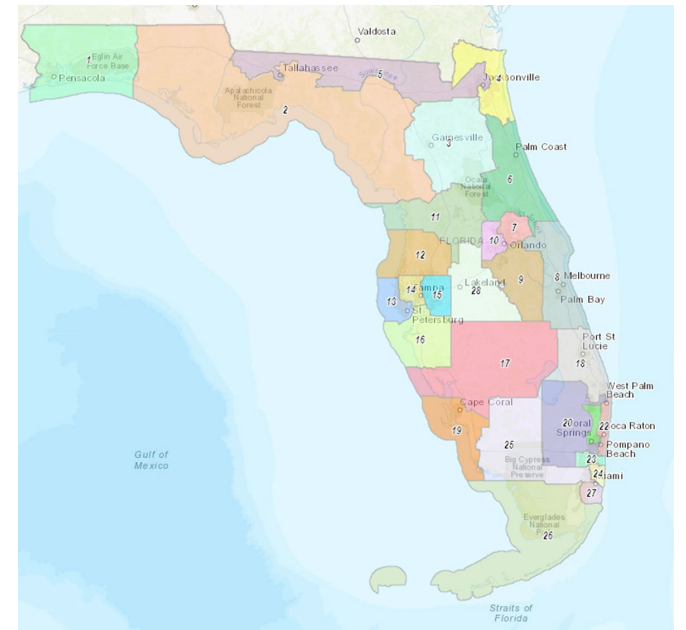
- Will the Governor accept the proposed maps?

- **ELECTIONS**

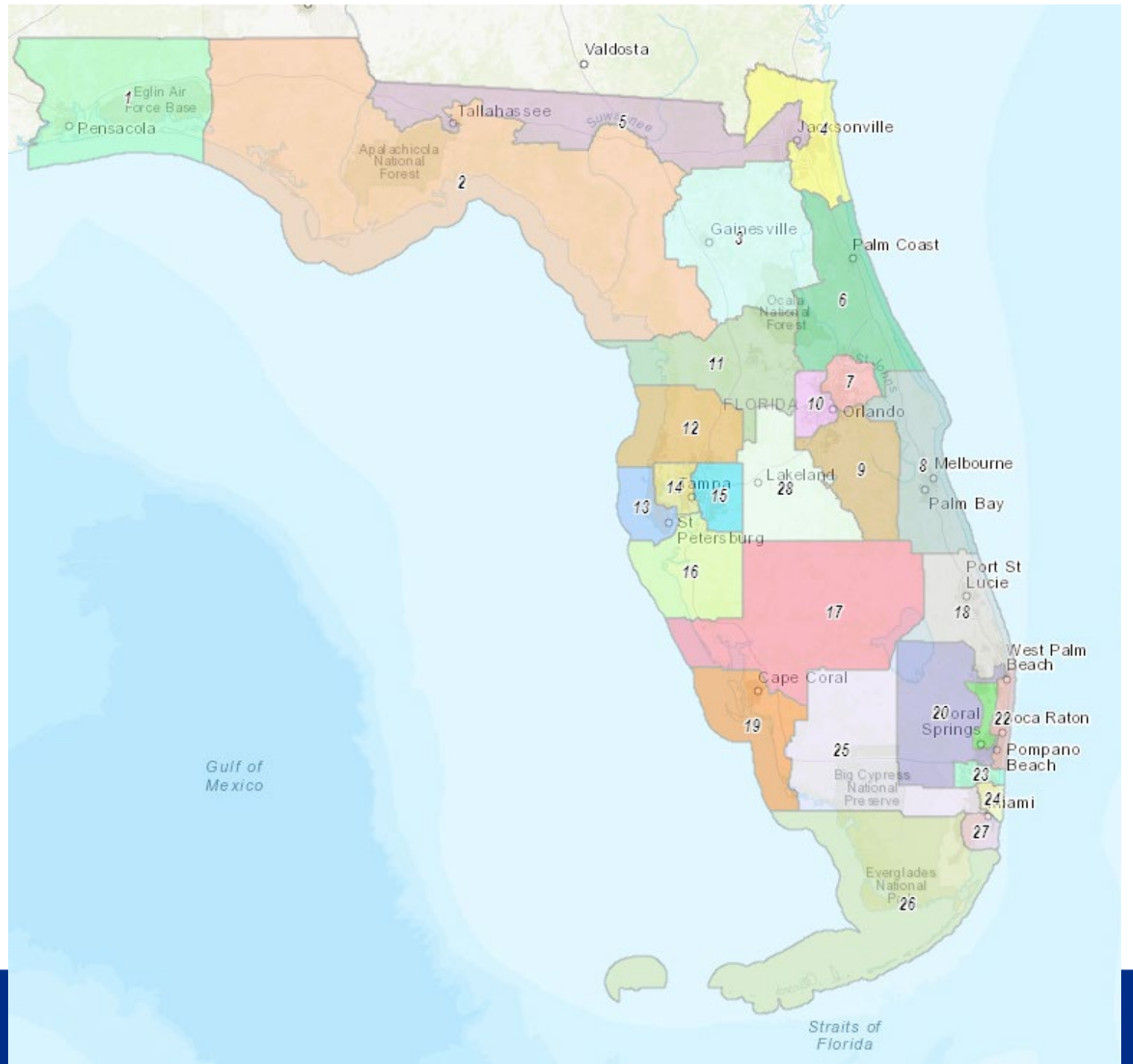
- What will be the political dynamics after 2022 elections?

- **FARM BILL**

- Will the 2023 Farm Bill deliver solutions for Florida agriculture, i.e. mechanization funding, dairy program changes, specialty crop funding, research for greening?

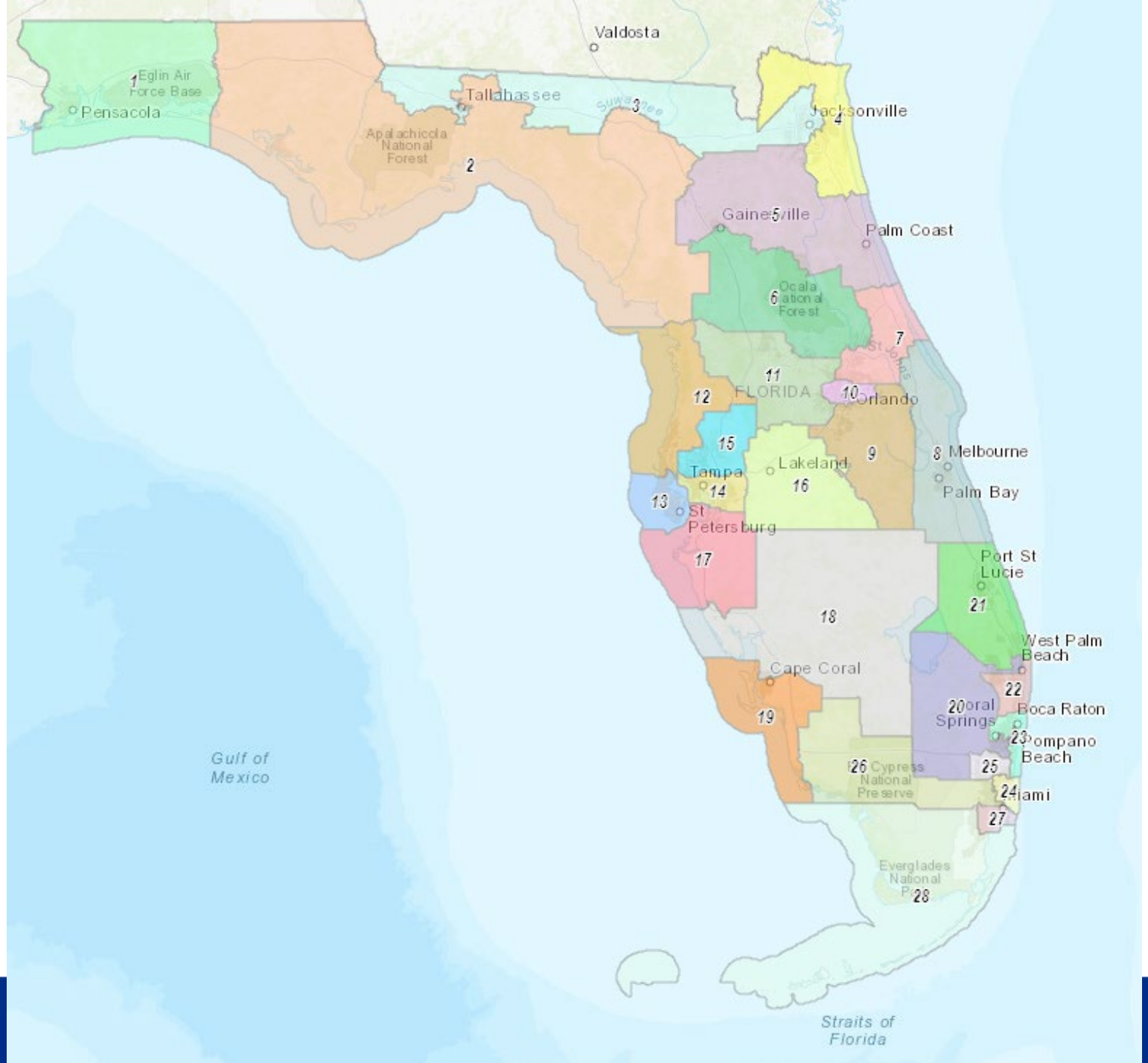


# Senate Proposal – Congressional Districts





# House Proposal – Congressional Districts



# Governor's Proposal – Congressional Districts

