

# Your Employee, Your Investment, Your Benefit

The **Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources (WLIANR)** program is designed for people working within agriculture and natural resources who have experienced leadership roles and aspire for greater leadership responsibilities in the private and/or public sectors at the community, state, national, or international levels.

The Wedgworth experience develops and refines the leadership capabilities of leaders who, in turn, will be prepared to become increasingly involved in policy formation – be it policy that directly applies to all segments of Florida agriculture and natural resources, or public policy that will affect the future of Florida agriculture and natural resources either in a direct or indirect manner. Additionally the experience:

- prepares potential leaders to assume greater leadership responsibilities in their organizations, industries and communities.
- creates strategic alliances and build strong linkages within and across Florida’s agriculture and natural resources sectors.
- analyzes complex issues facing individuals interested in areas related to agriculture, natural resources and Florida’s communities.
- applies inner-personal skills so as to develop a better understanding of people—themselves, fellow citizens and their environment as to more effectively work with individuals from diverse backgrounds.
- creates an understanding of social, economic and political systems in which people function and how to work within these systems to effectively bring about change.

**More than 300 individuals working in Florida’s agricultural and natural resource industries have graduated from the Wedgworth Leadership Institute.**

## Wedgworth Experience IN NUMBERS

**30** individuals selected per class to represent the more than 300 commodities

**12** seminars over a 22-month span

**10** in-state seminars lasting 3-4 days

**1** out-of-state seminar to D.C. and two other states ranging from 9 to 10 days in length

**1** international seminar ranging from 16 to 17 days in length

“As an organization, Lykes Bros. has valued the opportunity for our senior managers to participate in the Wedgworth Leadership Institute as it allows them to build their network, increase their skill set and broadens their knowledge on the issues impacting ag and natural resources around the state, nation and world. This greatly benefits our company as these leaders have brought this knowledge into our organization and are helping us tackle the challenges of the future.”

Joe Collins, Class VII, Senior Vice President,  
Lykes Bros. Inc.

“WLI is an extremely valuable asset to Florida’s Agriculture industry that it is an honor to have the opportunity to take part in.”

Martin Hackney, Class X, Hackney Nursery Inc.

“Positively the best program to innovate personal and professional goals in our industry. I am a better woman, mother, wife, and friend because of it.”

Kiley Harper-Larsen, Class X, Owner/Consultant of  
The Ag Safety Lady

“One of the best experiences of my life!”

Tom Mitchell, Class X, Vice President of Riverfront  
Packing Company, LLC



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