



Derek Orsenigo

Sugarcane Grower

Belle Glade, Florida

Orsenigo grew up on the family farm. He farms today with his father, Paul Orsenigo.

INTERESTING FACT

His grandfather, Dr. Joe Orsenigo, a research scientist, was instrumental in helping farmers become successful in the 1950s when the Florida sugarcane industry was in its infancy through his work with the University of Florida's Everglades Research and Education Center. Dr. Orsenigo is in the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame.

WHAT HAS SUGARCANE MEANT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

"Sugar is the lifeblood. It's the backbone of the community. It's the anchor, really, for the town. And it allows the other sectors of agriculture to succeed in the area."

WHAT WOULD YOU WANT CONGRESS TO KNOW ABOUT THE U.S. SUGAR POLICY IN THE FARM BILL?

"I would want Congress to know that the Farm Bill provides stability to families like us, which are your American farmers and we are the backbone of America. I would want them to know that would provide stability to us. Your American farmer."