



Paul Orsenigo

Sugarcane Grower

Belle Glade, Florida

He farms with his son Derek.

INTERESTING FACT

Unlike many sugarcane farmers today, Orsenigo is a first-generation grower. He started the business in 1985 after working for local growers. He became interested in farming after following his father, Dr. Joseph Orsenigo, a research scientist, on rounds helping local growers learn to better manage their crops.

YOUR FATHER WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA. WHAT IS HIS LEGACY?

"And he did a lot to preserve, enhance, protect and also share the history of the Glades from the settlements to the different Indian cultures that were here to going back to the time when this area was below sea level. He left a lot of legacy in his wake that a lot of young people, farmers my age and younger, have benefited from."

WHAT DO YOU WANT CONGRESS TO KNOW ABOUT THE U.S. SUGAR POLICY?

"We would like to see the sugar policy remain as it is. We've got a good stabilizing market presence, safety net. And it's extremely important that it stays the way it's been. It's an economic anchor. And it is the stabilizer for the economy. It provides a core base of jobs and then it is key component of our whole crop rotation scenario."