

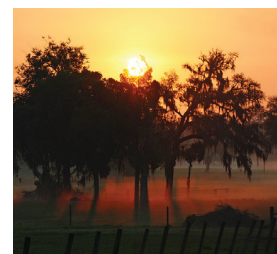
*When it comes to
business site location ...*

All Roads Lead to SUMTER COUNTY



Dr. Mireia Bordas (left), Agromillora of Florida Project Director, and Bradley Arnold (right), Sumter County Administrator, review plans for Agromillora of Florida's new facility.

A picturesque location in the midst of a transportation hub is just one factor that makes Sumter County a dynamic location for business relocation and expansion. International investors have taken notice. Spain-based Agromillora Group, doing business as Agromillora Florida Inc., is opening a new citrus tissue culture laboratory facility in Sumter County. The company will utilize the most advanced technologies, and innovative production processes will be applied to further propagate rootstocks. A primary focus will be producing rootstocks released from the breeding programs of the University of Florida and the U.S. Department of Agriculture that are resistant to citrus greening and supporting their research projects.



"Location was critical for us. Aside from the distance needed from citrus groves, we needed an inland location that would be somewhat insulated from hurricane events. The leadership of this county has been very helpful in making every aspect of the project go smoothly."

— Dr. Mireia Bordas

SUMTER STATS

**County
Population**
115,447

Population
(within one-hour drive)
1,182,770

Workforce
28,443

Workforce
(within one-hour drive)
861,425

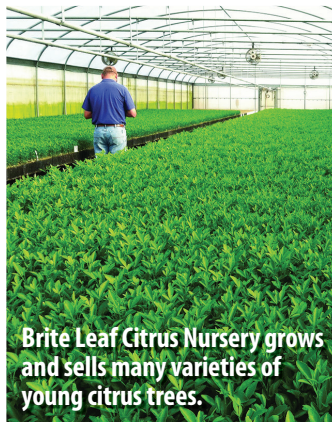
**Average
Annual Wage**
\$37,575

**Median
Household Income**
\$48,493

AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS AND RESEARCH

High-tech science in rolling pastures — The cattle industry provides a strong economic segment of agribusiness while also generating economic viability in Sumter County. Central Beef Industries recently completed a \$10-million expansion, doubling their capacity and opening the opportunity for collateral research.

Five major universities nearby offer abundant opportunity to benefit from educational partners' agricultural research, studies and innovation. Agromillora and Cutrale are two new agribusinesses capitalizing on the unique assets and valuable benefits of doing business in Sumter County.



Brite Leaf Citrus Nursery grows and sells many varieties of young citrus trees.



Sumter County promotes developing and maintaining a skilled and educated workforce

MANUFACTURING SITE LOCATIONS

Proactive planning for progress — Dynamic, forward-thinking leadership planned future growth and land use within the county and its cities. Florida Crossroads Industrial Activity Center is a large development tract from C-470 north to SR 44 along US 301 and I-75. This is just one of the heavy industrial properties ranging from five to more than 2,500 acres. To balance the rapid expansion of urban areas, Sumter County contains state conservation lands totaling 65,389 acres, or 102 sq. miles.

TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION

Miami to Atlanta in one day's drive — The confluence of roads, interstates, railroad and nearby airports and seaports, makes Sumter County the new Central Florida transportation and distribution hub northeast of Tampa and northwest of Orlando. Sumter County is actively engaged with existing major stakeholders, such as the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Authority, utility providers and existing industrial operations to continue improving the logistics network for current and future companies.

Time Definite Services is a leading provider of refrigerated transportation and logistics solutions.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

The Sumter County Partnership for Workforce Innovation and Education addresses workforce training needs and economic development in Sumter County. This partnership brings together public and private sectors in support of critical workforce development to link employable Sumter County residents to training and education opportunities, through Lake-Sumter State College and other universities that are vital to meeting the employment needs of the county.

Talent recruitment and training — In July, 2015, CareerSource Central Florida officially launched the start of dedicated service to Sumter County. Mimi Coenen, CareerSource Central Florida's operating officer, says that the organization provides solutions that help businesses find the talent to remain competitive and trains career seekers to meet the business's needs. "CareerSource Central Florida is grateful to Sumter County for partnering with us in this active economic development program, and for working with us to support recruitment, screening and training of talent for businesses within this growing, local economy."

SUMTER STRENGTHS

- An aggressive local incentive package for targeted industries that includes tax credits for manufacturing, distribution and agricultural jobs created.
- A major, regional transportation hub for Central Florida at the crossroads of Interstate 75, the Florida Turnpike and CSX's main freight line, with access to major airports and seaports less than 90 minutes away.
- Pro-business county leadership and economic development team with a personal commitment and passion for supporting local businesses.
- An Industrial Development Authority whose sole mission is to facilitate business growth and expedite processing of bond issues with no county issuance fees.
- *Forbes* included The Villages, located in Sumter County, in its Best Small Cities for Business and Careers list for 2015.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

- American Cement
- Cemex
- Central Beef Industries
- Central Florida Health Alliance
- Charlotte Pipe & Foundry
- Metal Industries
- Outokumpu Stainless Steel
- Publix Supermarkets
- Robbins Manufacturing
- Sumter Electric Cooperative
- T&D Concrete
- The Villages
- Walmart Stores
- Winn-Dixie Marketplace