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Tim Carpenter-Brief Resume

B.S. Degree in Applied Chemistry from Colorado State University in 1966 with minors in horticulture and business. Associate Degree in pre-Engineering from St. Petersburg Jr. College. Graduated from Tarpon High School in 1958.

Opened Hydro-Gardens, Inc., a greenhouse company in Colorado Springs, CO in 1972 and sold it in 1996 to partner Mike Morton. Began Verti-Gro. Inc. in 1995 with research and demonstration operations in Plant City and Kissimmee, FL.

President American Greenhouse Vegetable Growers Association for 12 years-1980-1992.

Installed 20 acres on hydroponic tomatoes in Saudi Arabia in 1980. Managed said greenhouse for 12 years. Currently installing Verti-Gro systems in 10 different countries.

Became a partner with EPCOT SCIENCE in 1996 and still a partner in 2011. Also partnership with NASA's Space AG in the Classroom for 6 years. Also Florida Ag in the Classroom program for 10 years.

Partnership with the Univ. of FL NFREC in Live Oak, FL-1998 to date (2011)
Sponsorship of UF Ag Expo AgriTunity (4 years)
Silver Sponsorship of UF Small Farms Expo in Kissimmee (3 years)

Educational Projects: Children Feeding Children in Costa Rica, Families Feeding Families in Venezuela, Florida Elementary and High School Programs, Florida Department of Corrections and Florida prison farming systems.

Member of Florida Farm Bureau, Florida Strawberry Growers Association, North Carolina Strawberry Growers Association, National Strawberry Growers Association, North Carolina Vegetable Growers Association, Fresh From Florida.

Member: Advisory Committee, University of Florida, IFAS, Region 3

Verti-Gro operates a Research and Demonstration Farm in Summerfield, FL, South Marion County (since 1999). Emphasis on growing produce in less space, with less energy and less water, without the use of fossil fuel and with minimal electricity.