Aquaponics Seminar
A Food Production System in Combination with Aquaculture and Hydroponic Principles

The Florida A&M University, College of Agriculture and Food Sciences Cooperative Extension Program will be conducting an Aquaponic Seminar on Monday, February 23, 2015. The seminar will take place at the Cooperative Extension Teleconference Center, 2010 Pinder Drive (corner of Osceola and Pinder Drive) from 6:00—8:30 PM.

Guest speaker, Mr. Donald Bailey, Research Specialist at the University of the Virgin Islands/Agriculture Experiment Station will speak on Tilapia Aquaculture & Aquaponics farming. He has worked with UVI since 1986 in the Aquaculture Program which has undertaken the development of a commercial-scale aquaponic system for the production of tilapia and a variety of vegetable crops. The program’s goals were to develop a system that conserved land and water, recovered waste and reduced discharge from fish production - converting it into a valuable product. The Aquaculture Program also developed small-scale biofloc tilapia production systems and tilapia cage culture systems for farmers in the US Virgin Islands.

Bailey received a Masters in Business Administration in 1992 and applies business management and budget analysis to the design, operation and production of the aquaponic systems studied. The combination of scientific research with a business model leads to a practical and applied approach to system management. It highlights the advantages and disadvantages of aquaponic systems and the continued search for opportunities to improve system performance.

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