INTRODUCTION
Resources for demonstrations and interactive learning activities are integral in reaching a higher level of learning and practice adoption by our clientele. The Small Farms Academy specializes in interactive learning opportunities for small farmers. The NE District Green Team has capitalized on the existing resources and extends their use for Master Gardeners and homeowners. Reduced funding has limited some Agents’ ability to provide in-depth training. Charging for programs is difficult in rural areas where household incomes are limited. Lack of facilities and knowledge about all aspects of a topic can prohibit some workshops from being given at the county level.

EDUCATIONAL METHODS
Suwannee Valley area Extension Agents identified Small Farms Academy programs that could be also be taught to Master Gardeners and homeowners. Workshops with demonstrations and hands on activities include; Pruning the Orchard, Hydroponics and Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Curriculum includes PowerPoint presentations, demonstrations, pruning, tool selection, tool sharpening, building hydroponic systems, scouting for insects, insect identification and field tours. Additionally, publications and notebooks are distributed for future reference.

OBJECTIVE
To provide hands on practical experience in orchard pruning, hydroponic vegetable gardening and integrated pest management using the resources of the Small Farms Academy.

OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS
The Small Farms Academy’s educational opportunities and resources are extended to an additional 400-500 people annually. Evaluations indicate 98% of people attending pruning workshops have implemented IFAS recommendations and 96% are using IPM practices. Hydroponic workshop attendees have expanded their hydroponic systems. Clientele have reported an increase in fresh vegetable consumption for a healthier diet.

PROS AND CONS
Evaluations indicate this is a preferred method of learning for attendees. There are increased opportunities for Agents to gain advanced training and become regional experts in specific topics. This is a time consuming, team approach that requires additional planning and communication. Driving distances can be problematic for some clientele and Extension Agents.