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# 2026 Florida Land Steward of the Year Tour: Young Family Farm

## Property of Cory, Robert, and Devony Young

Putnam County, Florida

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**Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026**

**Meet at 9:00 AM ET**

Lunch will be served following the tour at nearby Luther Springs Camp and Conference Center.  
See back page for location details.

**Congratulations Young Family Farm: 2026 Florida Land Stewards of the Year.** Young Family Farm is located in southwestern Putnam County and is a powerful example of long-term stewardship, thoughtful planning, and active land management. Cory, along with his family, has built upon decades of work started by his parents — restoring longleaf pine sandhill habitat, improving wildlife diversity, protecting water resources, and using prescribed fire as a cornerstone of management.



Topics will include restoration and management of native forest habitats, prescribed fire, and integrating timber and wildlife habitat objectives. We will tour the property on a trailer and do a little bit of walking. Wear appropriate clothing for the field and bring a water bottle.

**Register:** This is a free event but preregistration is required. Register online at <https://fls-tour-2026-03-26.eventbrite.com>. **Space is limited so register soon!** We will meet at the property at 9:00 am ET for the tour. Lunch will be served following the tour at Luther Springs Camp and Conference Center nearby. See the next page for location details. Contact Chris Demers for more information, [cdemers@ufl.edu](mailto:cdemers@ufl.edu), (352) 846-2375.



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# Young Family Farm Location and Directions

Address is **690 S County Road 21, Hawthorne, FL 32640.**

This address will get you in the neighborhood. See map below for the location. **Look for the “Forest Stewardship Tour” signs pointing to the property entrance.**

Lunch will be served following the tour at:

## **Luther Springs Camp and Conference Center**

264 Vause Lake Rd, Hawthorne, FL 32640

The entrance to the facility is on Vause Lake Road, just north of Young Family Farm off of County Road 21.

