



AQUATIC ECO-SYSTEMS INC. AND GREEN SKY GROWERS TOURED DURING UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S SMALL FARMS AND ALTERNATIVE ENTERPRISES CONFERENCE

Aquatic Eco-Systems and Green Sky Growers were proud to play host to two tour stops during University of Florida's Florida Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Conference. On July 27, 2012, a group of approximately 50 people toured Green Sky Growers, a sustainable rooftop farm located in Winter Garden, FL. They also made a stop to tour the "backyard" aquaponics system located behind Aquatic Eco-Systems in Apopka, FL.

Green Sky Growers is a state-of-the-art, sustainable rooftop farm located in the historic district of Winter Garden, FL. The facility produces fresh vegetables and fish year-round, without the use of pesticides. Overall, aquaponics uses 95% less water than traditional farming. Sustainable growing practices are of prime importance at Green Sky Growers, including the harvesting of rainwater. All of the growing systems at Green Sky Growers recycle 100% of the nutrients and water used to grow. The various growing techniques used in this facility include floating raft and vertical production systems as well as aquaponics. Though this is mainly used as a research and development facility, much of the food produced at Green Sky is available each week at the Winter Garden Farmers' Market, as well as through local food co-ops.

Aquatic Eco-Systems, Inc. (AES) is the largest source of aquatic products and systems worldwide. Since it was founded in 1978, AES has offered unmatched selection, service and solutions to the aquatic community. With over 13,000 products, AES serves a variety of aquatic interests and industries, from aquaculture and lake management to aquariums and water gardens. AES staffs over 20 technicians and biologists to provide service, expert advice, troubleshooting and custom design solutions to hobbyists and professionals alike. As they have always focused on sharing information, Aquatic Eco-Systems has branched out into offering educational workshops focusing on aquaponics.

Aquatic Eco-Systems has scheduled their next Aquaponics Technology and Design Workshop will be held October 2–6, 2012 near Orlando, FL. The AES staff will be joined by "Father of Aquaponics" Dr. James Rakocy, famed Australian aquaponics expert Dr. Wilson Lennard and special guest Dr. Fred Petitt of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. The October 2012 workshop will feature daily lectures, hands-on instruction, tours of the AES Aquaponics System and Green Sky Growers—which is owned and operated by AES—and a behind the scenes tour of "The Land" at Epcot®. The AES Aquaponic System, constructed behind Aquatic Eco-Systems' 130,000 sq.ft. facility in Apopka, FL, is a variation of Dr. Rakocy's world-renowned UVI Aquaponic System. Registration is now open for this workshop, and spaces are limited. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

ABOUT AQUATIC ECO-SYSTEMS INC. & GREEN SKY GROWERS:

Aquatic Eco-Systems, Inc. (AES) is the largest source of aquatic products and systems worldwide. Since it was founded in 1978, AES has offered unmatched selection, service and solutions to the aquatic community. Green Sky Growers, an innovator in urban hydroponic and aquaponic cultivation, operates a state-of-the-art rooftop facility in Winter Garden, FL. By combining cutting-edge technology with conventional and innovative growing techniques, Green Sky Growers practices and promotes sustainable agriculture. Owned and operated by Aquatic Eco-Systems, a company with 30+ years of industry experience, Green Sky Growers is a one-stop solution for new design ideas, existing garden troubleshooting, education and installation assistance. Green Sky Growers caters to commercial growers, homeowners looking for ways to efficiently grow plants and/or fish in their own back yard as well as those looking to tackle the emerging demand for urban gardening. For more information, [EMAIL](#) Green Sky Growers or call 407-472-0521.

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