

After working his way through college Bill Brim began his agribusiness career working for several firms before returning to Tifton, Georgia to pursue his lifelong goal of farming. In 1985 Bill, along with Ed Walker, purchased Lewis Taylor Farms from their families, a well-respected plant company founded in 1951. With many new techniques being introduced into production, Bill realized technology was forcing the traditional bare-root transplant companies out of business. Over the next five years, Lewis Taylor Farms was transformed to a diversified transplant and vegetable production farm operation. Beginning with only 87,000 square feet of greenhouse production space in 1985. Today Lewis Taylor Farms boasts over 800,000 square feet of production space. Annually, the greenhouse operation produces approximately 275 million vegetable transplants and 80 million pine seedlings. Along with the transplant operation, Bill and his team manage just under 6500 acres of vegetable production throughout the year, shipping to markets in both the United States and Canada. Lewis Taylor Farms is one of the largest diversified farm operations in the Southeast. Additional companies have been established as well as LTF Greenhouses, Spring Hill Produce and Quality Produce, two state of the art packing and refrigeration facilities enhancing the freshness of products such as broccoli, greens, cantaloupes, squash, bell pepper, eggplant and watermelons to our consumers. Bill's progressive attitude has not only transformed the production aspects of Lewis Taylor Farms, he continues to strive for innovative solutions while maintaining a high professional level of management practices. In 1998, when the shortage of farm labor intensified even more, Lewis Taylor Farms was one of several farms in Georgia to organize a Farm Labor Association and are utilizing the government supervised legal H2A worker program. Lewis Taylor Farms is one of the first farms in Georgia to be recognized as a GAP certified farm, a third party food safety certification program, with Bill being Instrumental in the establishment of the GAP program. He and his wife, Deborah live in Tifton, where his daughter is also a part of the farm team making this the third generation at Lewis Taylor Farms.