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Biography of The Wordens

Husband and wife team Chris Worden, Ph.D. and Eva Worden, Ph.D. are Co-Founders of Worden Farm. Since 2003, the Wordens have been growing fresh, local, organic produce for the local Southwest Florida community and distributing it through several farmers markets and through a community supported agriculture (CSA) farm membership program.

Worden Farm has been featured in several national and regional media outlets, including The Nightly News with Brian Williams on NBC, America's Heartland on PBS, American Farmer, Florida Grower, Florida Travel+Life, and Florida Trend.

The Wordens have taught thousands of people about local organic agriculture in workshops, farm tours, university courses, conferences, and an intensive farm apprenticeship program. They have promoted agricultural development and community greening projects within the United States and internationally.

The Wordens are Founding Members of Slow Food Southwest Florida, which advocates for agricultural sustainability and biodiversity through educational programs, and promotes the consumption and celebration of seasonal and local foods and the support of those who produce them. They have been awarded an Official Proclamation by the State of Connecticut for their contributions to organic agriculture, and named Organic Farmer Experts by the Organic Trade Association. They currently are involved in the planning process for FoodCorps, a national school garden and Farm to School service program.

The Wordens met during their Masters programs in Horticulture at University of Maryland. They have been farming together since 1998, while earning doctoral degrees. Dr. Chris Worden's doctorate is in Crop Science from University of Connecticut, and Dr. Eva Worden's doctorate is in Ecosystem Management from Yale University.

The Wordens have two young sons, who love playing in the dirt.