Biography – David Sui UF/IFAS Extension Agent

David Sui, the new UF/IFAS & Palm Beach County Extension Agent for Vegetables & Tropical Fruits

David earned his B.S. degree in Agronomy from Northeast Agricultural University of China, Harbin, China, in 1981; M.S. degree in Plant Genetics and Physiology from Northeast Agricultural University of China in 1987, with research in soybean gene transformation and fertile plant regeneration via cell and tissue culture; and his Ph.D. degree in Plant Pathology from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1998 in Dr. Thomas Powers’ lab, with research in molecular diagnosis and molecular systematics of plant parasitic nematodes. David did post-doctorate research with Dr. Greg Noel at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, from 1996-1999, in molecular monitoring of population dynamics of soybean cyst nematode; and post-doctorate
research with Dr. Stephen Lewis at Clemson University, in multiplex PCR diagnosis of major root-knot nematode species from 1999-2002.

David worked as nematologist at A&L Southern Agricultural laboratories, providing nematology research and extension services to Florida agricultural community from 2002-2008, prior to joining UF/IFAS & Palm Beach County Extension, where he had two predecessors, both very knowledgeable and legendary extension agents, recently retired – Vegetables agent in Mr. Ken Shuler, and Tropical Fruits agent in Mr. Gene Joyner. David continues the extension program to serve vegetables and tropical fruits growers in Palm Beach County through public education and as a liaison between UF/IFAS and the growers. The program focuses on sustainable crop production, through IMP and BMP in disease/insect/soil nutrition, food safety and workers safety education, as well as marketing and distribution of vegetables and tropical fruits.

David enjoys people, outdoors and sun, and he soon finds out visiting growers offering aplenty fun of both. David’s family resides in Boca Raton, with wife, Lucy, a student of biology at Palm Beach Community College, and their only son, Ben, a junior year Gator in psychology major. Table tennis is a family tradition to the Suis.

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