



## Michael J. Stuart

Michael J. Stuart has dedicated his career to improving and supporting Florida's produce industry by cultivating grower-shipper relationships, securing federal investment in fruit and vegetable programs, and shaping trade policies.

Stuart began as a produce clerk in California before taking a position with Western Growers Association, where he served produce growers in California and Arizona for 13 years.

In 1992, Stuart began his 26-year tenure as Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association President, serving as a highly respected leader, ambassador and spokesperson for Florida's specialty crop industry.



At the federal level, Stuart helped craft critical fruit and vegetable investment programs as co-chair of the Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance, and he held several government advisory positions to ensure trade agreements reflected the interests of the specialty crop industry.