

*Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club*  
*Meeting Notice*

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018  
**Where:** Main Room Nokomis Community Center  
234 Nippino Trail East, Nokomis, FL 34275  
**Agenda:** 6:30 pm Chat and Tasting Table  
7:00 pm Introduction and Presentation  
8:30 pm Plant Raffle

**Speaker:** Alex Salazar  
Tropical Acres Farms

**Topic:** The Challenge of Growing Mangos in Florida in 2018

Alex Salazar is the owner of Tropical Acres Farms. Tropical Acres Farms was started on five acres of land in Loxahatchee, FL in 2011 as a tropical fruit farm and nursery. Since then they have expanded to partner with Sturrock Groves in West Palm Beach to increase production acreage and begin offering a greater variety of fruit to the public, from an orchard where mangos have been grown since the 1920s. The farm has made a historical contribution to the mango industry with the research and mango breeding conducted by the Sturrock family, which resulted in the patented Duncan and Young mangos, along with several other named creations and written publications.

Tropical Acres Farms specializes in mangos, of which they now have growing over 200 distinct varieties. They also grow lychee, bananas, sapodilla, avocado, guava, black sapote, and various other fruits.

Alex will discuss horticultural care, cultivar recommendations, disease education and more.