

# meet the Farmers

## Unity Groves

The Carricarte family has always had a passion for tropical fruit farming. They have owned and operated avocado, mango, and lychee groves for the past 25 years. After the family's primary business in Miami was sold, the focus shifted to the expansion of the farm and in 2004 Unity Groves began distribution nationwide.

The importance of family has always been the driving force behind the business. The day to day operations are conducted by the owner Louie Carricarte and his wife Shannon along with an incredible team. It is common to see three generations of family members on any day helping in the operations.

Unity Groves is focused on locally grown products and now distributes an extensive list of products around the country including some of the largest grocery retail stores around the world. Some of the items from Florida include: Avocado, Star Fruit, Dragon Fruit, Mamey, Sapodilla, Sugarcane, Mango, Lychee, Longan, Guava and Florida Limes. Their vision as a company is to provide education and awareness to the health benefits of the delicious tropical fruits coming out of South Florida. Carricarte's pride themselves in the protection and preservation of the Redland area through sustainable practices. The business has grown to just over 900 acres with approximately 200 employees. This was through hard work, dedication, and the pure love of tropicals.

### Farms Stats

**Acreage:** 900 acres

**Farming Method:** Sustainable

**Crops:** Star Fruit, Dragon Fruit, Guava, Mamey  
Green Florida Avocados, Lychees and Longons

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