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Friday Watermelon Harvest



Watermelon harvesters are working in the fields of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties now and for some number of weeks.

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One method of transporting the watermelons from the field to other locations -- as the melons are eventually destined to be eaten -- is on modified former school buses. The one in the pictures here is former school bus #47 from Hendry County.

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Agriculture is a relatively significant economic engine for this region of Florida. These watermelons were picked on Friday (June 2) from a field that is adjacent to Levy County Road 347 near the unrecorded subdivision known as Jemlands.



The Annual Chiefland Watermelon Festival is Saturday (June 3), with a parade scheduled through beautiful downtown Chiefland starting at 11 a.m.

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The festival vendors are schedule to open their booths at 8 a.m. and there is a flag presentation slated for 9 a.m. at the historic Chiefland Train Depot, located on the east side of U.S. Highway 19 just north of State Road 345.

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