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Peanut Harvesting



Harvesting of peanuts continues in the fields of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties. Seven huge combines comb this field separating peanuts from the vines that held them.

Peanut-harvesting equipment makes its way on U.S. Highway 129 near Bell in Gilchrist County recently. This still shot is taken from a dash camera mounted in the PT Newser (a 2008 Chrysler PT Cruiser).



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Peanut-harvesting equipment takes both lanes of Levy County Road 347, west of State Road 345 in Levy County on Sunday (Aug. 26). This still shot is taken from a dash camera mounted in the PT Newser (a 2008 Chrysler PT Cruiser).

John Deere Tractors pull KMC bins used for transporting peanuts from fields to awaiting semi tractor-trailers. Peanuts are among the many crops grown and harvested in this part of Florida. Peanut farmers, like all farmers



and ranchers, work hard to produce the food people need to survive.

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The launch pad for the unmanned aerial system (drone) named Dragonfly is seen on a grassy public median of a county road. The shadow of the drone is seen in the upper left of the 8-year-old banner. This still photo taken from a video shows the blades bent in a peculiar way due to the way light is recorded. The propellers are straight and spin very quickly to lift the drone. 'The Greater Levy County Area' became Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties soon after the 8-year-old daily news website began. This banner makes a good place, however, for launching a UAS to keep grass out of the four propellers.



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Hobbyist drone pilot Jeff M. Hardison looks up at the very low-flying object. No airplane or helicopter could have been in the airspace this drone occupied for the 10 minutes it was in the air on Monday (Aug. 27), because those other aircraft would have collided with trees and powerlines. To see the previous story, photos and video from the farmers harvesting peanuts on Labor Day 2017, saved in the archives, click [HERE](#).

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