**Lindy Savelle**

**Bio**

Lindy Savelle is a retired Federal Law Enforcement Officer gone Citrus Farmer…

Lindy retired in 2019 from a federal law enforcement career spanning over 34 years; she was a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service and the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. Lindy was assigned to several offices throughout the U.S. and the world to include Iraq and Afghanistan. Upon her retirement, Lindy and her husband, Perry, returned to their roots in Mitchell and Thomas County, Georgia, and began to bring their small farms back to life. While doing this, they sought to give back to their communities through the development of an alternative niche, yet sustainable agricultural commodity...citrus.

Lindy and Perry reside on JoNina Farm in Thomas County where they commercially grow satsumas, seedless tangerines, lemons, grapefruit, navels, mandarins, blood oranges, thornless limes, kumquats and more. In the Fall of each year, JoNina Farm opens its grove to the public for a “Clip~n~Sip” where persons can “clip” their own fruit & “sip” fresh pressed mandarin juice, enjoy the beauty of a Georgia citrus grove, take family photos, eat locally cooked foods, and relax in the country. In addition to their grove, Lindy and Perry own “Georgia Grown Citrus, LLC”, a retail and commercial nursery operation, where they sell citrus trees and growing supplies to commercial growers and homeowners, both in-person and online. They offer over 100 varieties of citrus in their nursery to include the patented UGA Frost varieties.

Lindy is a graduate of the University of Georgia’s Advancing Georgia Leaders in Agriculture & Forestry and the South Georgia Leads program. She serves as the President of the Georgia Citrus Association and as a director on the Georgia Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association Board.

Lindy’s story of law enforcement to citrus has been featured in several magazines to include Thom Magazine, Georgia Magazine, Georgia Grown, Southwest Georgia Living, Grower News, Blazer Magazine and The Citrus Industry, as well as newspaper articles and online sources. She is “on fire” about the citrus industry in Georgia. She speaks at civic organizations and farmer/women in leadership events sparking interest about citrus throughout the state, interweaving some of her law enforcement career encounters and experiences.

Lindy is first and foremost a Christian, a wife, a mother and recently, a grandmother.