

# *DESOTO COUNTY BEEF NEWSLETTER*

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## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

### **July**

13-15	Forage and Pasture Management School - Session II - South Florida Forages, Sebring
20	Beef Cattle Herd Health Management - Hardee County Agri-Civic Center, 507 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### **August**

9-12	47th Annual Florida Turfgrass Conference and Show - University of Florida Campus, Gainesville
10-12	Forage and Pasture Management School - Session III - Forages and Cow/Calf System, Sebring
26	Body Condition Scoring, Stocking Rate Program - Hardee County Agri-Civic Center, 507 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula, 3:00 - 6:15 p.m.

### **September**

2-3	Florida Cattlemen's Association - Fall Quarterly Meeting - Fort Myers
16	Winter Supplementation Program - Sarasota
25	Florida Santa Gertrudis Association - Cattlemen's Kind Sale - Bartow

### **October**

1	5th Annual Florida Cattlemen's Association - Replacement Heifer Sale - Hardee County Livestock Market, Wauchula, 1:00 p.m.
14	Herd Bull Selection Program - Wauchula
19-21	Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition - Moultrie, Georgia
28	Hay Production Field Day - Bradenton

### ***Beef Cattle Herd Health Management***

*The Beef Cattle Herd Health Management presented by the South Florida Beef/Forage Program is being offered in Wauchula on July 20, 1999 at the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., followed by a dinner (RSVP required). The agenda will be as follows:*

- **4:00 Beef Cattle Herd Health Requirements -**  
*A Reasonable Program for South Florida Ranchers*  
*Dr. Anthony Weirather, Outback Animal Hospital, Polk County, FL*
- **5:15 Questions and Answers**  
*Dr. Anthony Weirather, Outback Animal Hospital, Polk County, FL*
- **5:30 Break**
- **5:45 Trichomoniasis -**  
*Its Symptoms, Incidence, Detection, and Prevention*  
*Dr. Mark Davis, Arcadia Animal Hospital, Arcadia, FL*
- **6:15 Fly Control -**  
*Does it Pay?*  
*Lockie Gary, Hardee County Cooperative Extension, UF/IFAS, Wauchula, FL*
- **6:45 Wrap-Up**  
*Travis Seawright, Manatee County Cooperative Extension Service, UF/IFAS, Bradenton, FL*
- **7:00 Dinner (R.S.V.P. required)**

*To make dinner reservations, please R.S.V.P. to Lockie Gary, Hardee County Extension Director at (941) 773-2164 or your local County Extension Livestock Agent by July 13, 1999.*

*For more information, please contact our office at (941) 993-4846.*

### ***The Forage and Pasture Management School***

*The Forage and Pasture Management School, presented by the South Florida Beef/Forage Program, will be held in three different sessions in Sebring at the Highlands County Agr-Civic Center. The dates and topics for this program are: Session I - Soils and Nutrient Management, June 8-10, 1999; Session II - South Florida Forages, July 13-15, 1999; Session III - Forages and the Cow/Calf System, August 10-12, 1999.*

*The purpose of this course is to strengthen managerial capabilities of owners and operators. This is an intense course that deals with practical topics in forage and pasture management including explanations of some basic concepts to support practical applications. Each session includes both formal classroom lectures along with field trips to reinforce the focus of each session. Registration for this school is \$175.00*

for all three sessions or \$65.00 for any of the three separate sessions. Additionally, three hours of college credit is available if you register with the University of Florida registrars' office. Enrollment is limited and acceptance is not finalized until receipt of your registration forms and \$50.00 non-refundable deposit.

Call our office at (941) 993-4846 to register.

### ***Body Condition Scoring Stocking Rate Program***

The Body Condition Scoring - Stocking Rate Program presented by the South Florida Beef/Forage Program is being offered in Wauchula on August 26, 1999 at the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center from 3:00 - 6:15 p.m. The agenda will be as follows:

- **3:00 Body Condition Scoring -**  
Dr. Bill Kunkle, Animal Science Dept., UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL
- **3:30 Determining Stocking Rate**  
Dr. Finley Pate, Range Cattle REC, UF/IFAS, Ona, FL
- **4:00 "What If"**  
Doug Mayo, Polk County Cooperative Extension Service, UF/IFAS, Bartow, FL
- **4:30 Body Condition Scoring Problem**  
(The Cow Calf Simulator)  
Dr. Fritz Roka, Southwest FL REC, UF/IFAS, Immokalee, FL  
& John Earman, JEAC, Inc. Vero Beach, FL
- **5:00 Break**
- **5:15 Producer Panel**  
Cliff Coddington, Schroeder Manatee Ranch  
Gene Lollis, Buck Island Ranch
- **5:45 Going to the next level -**  
Cooperator Ranch  
Jim Selph, DeSoto County Cooperative Extension, UF/IFAS, Arcadia, FL
- **6:15 Wrap-Up**

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### ***Florida Forage Handbook is Now Available***

The Florida Forage Handbook is the definitive guide to all aspects of planting, managing, and harvesting forage crops—whether for pasture, hay or silage. Written by leading agronomists, soil scientists and cattle specialists at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, this handbook is an essential reference for cattle producers and forage managers.

With specific recommendations for forages adapted to Florida, and additional guidelines for horse and dairy-cattle managers, the Florida Forage Handbook is a comprehensive, all-in-one manual for growing forage crops in Florida's unique environment.

The handbook includes:

- 33 chapters covering all aspects of forage production
- Specific recommendations for more than 20 warm-season crops, 10 cool-season crops—and all the

*basics for managing native-range pastures*

- *Additional sections for horse and dairy cattle managers*
- *Weed and insect management guidelines*
- *30 color plates for easy forage identification*

*To order the Florida Forage Handbook by phone by call 1-800-226-1764 (Visa or MasterCard only—please have ready) and ask for SP253 or you can stop by your county extension office to pick up an order form. The cost of the handbook is \$10.00 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling and appropriate state/county tax for Florida addresses will be applied.*

*If you have any comments or need additional information, please contact the DeSoto County Extension Office at (941) 993-4846.*

*Sincerely,*

*James F. Selph*

*DeSoto County Extension Director, IV, Livestock*

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