MANATEE LIVESTOCKER

July - August 2005

Calendar Of Events

August

4 Selection and Management Tools to Improve Your Calf Crop, Dallas B. Townsend Ag Center, LaBelle, FL - For more information call Sonja Crawford, 863-674-4092

November

4 First Annual Cowboy "Chute" Out - A four man ranch team competition. Call Pat Hogue for more information or to register, 863-763-6469

Forest Land Recovery Program

- $10 Million for Florida Landowners to plant trees, improve existing stands, and cleanup debris from the 2004 hurricanes.
- 10 acre minimum and 1000 acre maximum
- 75% cost share program
- All work done after 10/13/2004 is eligible, must complete by 9/30/2007
- Must have a written management plan
- Landowner must agree to keep the land undeveloped for 10 years
- Applications must be received in Tallahassee by 10/21/2005

Contact the Florida Division of Forestry @ 941-751-7629

Fair 2006 - Livestock Schedule - Check-in and Deadlines
BEEF BREEDING
Application: all applications must be post-marked by October 14, 2005 or hand delivered to the fair office by 5 PM on October 14, 2005.

DAIRY CATTLE
Application: all applications must be post-marked by October 14, 2005 or hand delivered to the fair office by 5 PM on October 14, 2005.

DOGS
Check-in: TBA Mandatory Meeting: TBA

GOATS
Check-in and Mandatory Meeting: 2 PM Saturday, November 12, 2005 - Cook Arena, Fairgrounds

HORSES
Registration: 9AM - 8 PM, Monday, October 17, 2005 - 4-H Office

POULTRY
Application: all applications must be post-marked by October 14, 2005 or hand delivered to the fair office by 5 PM on October 14, 2005.

RABBITS
Application: all applications must be post-marked by October 14, 2005 or hand delivered to the fair office by 5 PM on October 14, 2005.

STEERS
Weigh-In: 8 AM - 11 AM, Saturday, August 27, 2005 Mosaic Arena, Fairgrounds

SWINE
Application: all applications must be post-marked by October 14, 2005 or hand delivered to the fair office by 5 PM on October 14, 2005.

Fair 2006 - Livestock Schedule - Fair Check-in/out and Fair Show Schedule

Tuesday, January 17

- Swine Load-in from 3-7pm at Mosaic Arena

Wednesday, January 18

- Dairy Load-in from 5-8pm at Mosaic Arena
- Swine Showmanship 7pm Mosaic Arena
- Poultry/Rabbits Load-in from 5-8pm at Powell

Thursday, January 19

- Swine Show at 7pm in Mosaic Arena
Friday, January 20

- Dairy Showmanship Show at 6pm in Mosaic Arena
- Dairy Show immediately following Showmanship in Mosaic Arena

Saturday, January 21

- Dairy, Swine, Horse Judging: Registration at 7:30 AM in Mosaic Arena (Judging begins promptly at 8:00 AM)
- Dairy Costume Show 10am Mosaic Arena
- Swine Sale at 2pm in Mosaic Arena
- Dairy Heifer Sale at 4pm in Mosaic Arena
- FNGA Plant Show & Sale - I. H. Stewart Building - 7pm

Sunday, January 22

- Swine out at 6am-8am
- Dairy out at 6 PM
- Dogs Load-in at 11am to Mosaic Arena
- Dog Show at 1pm in Mosaic Arena

Monday, January 23

- Goats into Stewart Building from 5-7pm

Tuesday, January 24

- Steers check-in at Mosaic Arena from 3-6pm
- Heifers unload at the Fair from 3-6 pm
- Goat Show at 7pm in the Stewart Building

Wednesday, January 25

- Steer Showmanship at 7pm in Mosaic Arena

Thursday, January 26

- Steer Show at 7pm in Mosaic Arena

Friday, January 27

- Heifer Show and Showmanship at 7pm in Mosaic Arena

Saturday, January 28

- Heifer, Steer, Goat Judging: Registration at 8:30 AM in Mosaic Arena (Judging begins promptly at 9 AM)
- Steer Sale at 2pm in Mosaic Arena
- Heifer Sale at 4pm in Mosaic Arena
- Awards Ceremony at 7pm in Mosaic Arena
- Goats out at 10pm
- Heifers out at 10pm

Sunday, January 29
• Steers Out
• Horses In 9 AM
• Horse Show 11 AM
• Horses Out 6 PM
• Poultry/Rabbits out at 6pm

Some Things to Ponder:

We live in a society that has never been hungry and who is now predominantly two to three generations or more removed from agriculture. Thus the interests and social agenda of these citizens are focused more on issues such as crime prevention, economic competitiveness, job security, health care, global changes, and environmental quality: food security and diversity are assumed, thus society has little or no incentive to continue to fuel the concerns that produces this bounty.

To you, the dedicated Extension clientele, I will be ever thankful for the opportunity to have served you. I will miss you and the Agricultural Extension Service of Manatee County. It has been a very short 30 years. Hopefully, we all have learned and benefited from our association. My wife and I are retiring on Friday, July 29th. Thanks for your kindness and friendship.

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For questions or comments regarding this publication contact Travis Seawright