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Dear Pasco County Beef Producer:

As we move into Spring and early Summer it is a busy time for everyone. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find several brochures on upcoming programs and events. We are also in the process of updating our newsletter list of producers. If you could please find the time in your busy schedule to complete the enclosed purge form and return it to our office, it would be greatly appreciated.

"Producing Calves That Will Stay Healthy"

Please plan on attending the beef cattle health demonstrations and trade show on April 27th at 6:00 p.m. in Clayton Hall. The trade show will include representatives from the following manufactures:

- Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health
- Schering Plough Animal Health
- Fort Dodge Animal Health
- Grand Laboratories, Inc.
- Priefert Mfg. Co., Inc.
- Elanco Animal Health
- Hoechst Roussel Vet
- Bayer Animal Health
- Pfizer Animal Health
- Merial Limited
The program will also include live cattle demonstrations on the following topics: Safe Handling and Cattle Restraint, Intramuscular & Subcutaneous Injection Sites, Ear Injection Sites for Vaccine, Pour-on Applications of Internal and External Parasite Control Products, Application of Growth Promotant Implants, Rumen Injector for Application of DeWormer, Oral Application of DeWormer, Antibiotic Selection and Prevention of Tissue Residues, Epinephrine for Anaphylactic Shock, the Use of Processing Map and the Proper Handling of Vaccinations. The product manufacturers are also sponsoring the meal for our program for all those who **R.S.V.P. by April 23rd**. Please give us a call at 352-521-4288.

**Forty-Eighth Annual Beef Cattle Short Course**

The Forty-Eighth Annual Beef Cattle Short Course is scheduled for May 5-7 in Gainesville. Enclosed you will find a copy of the brochure with the complete schedule and registration form. The early registration deadline is **April 16th**. This year's program theme is "Bullish on Quality of Beef," with topics ranging from Bull Selection to Use of Genetic Markers to Select for Carcass Traits and How to Improve Product Demand.

**High School Rodeo**

The Pasco County Cattlemen's Association is hosting a two-day rodeo for the Florida High School Rodeo Association at the Tri-Star Arena on County Road 577. Friday night the rodeo will begin at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m., so make your plans to come support these young high school athletes as they compete.

**Sixteenth Annual Beef Cattle Reproductive Management School**

The South Florida Beef-Forage Group is hosting their Beef Cattle Reproductive Management School in Wauchula at the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center from May 11-13. It is our intent to strengthen your knowledge and understanding of the full spectrum from herd health, genetic management, nutrition, to bull selection. Although the topic of pregnancy diagnosis is given extensive treatment in this program, participants should not expect this training to make them proficient in that skill. Rather it is hoped that an improved understanding of the broad subjects of breeding herd management will be achieved and that individuals enrolled in this course will be better equipped to work with their veterinarians in accomplishing breeding program objectives.

**Forage and Pasture Management School**

This is a comprehensive program designed to cover every aspect of forage production in Central/South Florida. It will include topics from soil nutrients to forage varieties, management practices, and several tours of operations utilizing various forages and management strategies. Participants can sign up to take all three sessions or single sessions to meet their needs and schedules. Please see the enclosed brochure for a complete schedule and registration form.

**Florida Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention**

This year's Florida Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention is scheduled for June 16-18 at Marco Island. The theme is "Rediscovering your Roots." The rooms are filling up exceptionally fast this year due to some
remodeling. If you are planning on attending and wish to stay at the Marco Island Marriott, make your reservations early. Hope to see you all there.

If you have any questions, or newsletter ideas, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

James Stice,
Livestock Extension Agent I

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### Calendar Of Events

#### April

| 27 | "Produce Calves That Will Stay Healthy" Beef and Health Demonstrations, Clayton Hall at the Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m. |

#### May

| 5-7 | 48th Annual Beef Cattle Short Course, Gainesville |
| 7   | High School Rodeo, Tri-Star Arena, 7:30 p.m. |
| 8   | High School Rodeo, Tri-Star Arena, 7:00 p.m. |
| 11-13 | Reproduction Management School, Wauchula |

#### June

| 8-10 | Forage and Pasture Management School, Session I, Sebring |
| 16-18 | Florida Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention, Marco Island |

#### July

| 13-15 | Forage and Pasture Management School, Session II, Sebring |
| 20   | Beef Cattle Health Management Seminar |
For more information on any of these events please feel free to call me at (352) 521-4288 or James Stice.