

# *Pasco County Beef Newsletter*

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## *Dear Pasco County Beef Producer:*

As the summer winds down and the kids begin to go back to school, the South Florida Beef- Forage Program has plenty of educational programs to offer for the remaining summer and fall. I hope that you can make it to the ones you feel are most important in your operation. If you have any questions about any of these programs or anything mentioned in my newsletter, please feel free to call me anytime. If you have something that you would like to see mentioned in this newsletter, such as special events or people in the news, please drop it off at our office.

## **Deer Management Seminar**

Holloway's Farm Supply, in conjunction with the University of Florida and Purina Mills, is having a deer management program where you can learn more about raising trophy bucks and turkeys. Dr. George Tanner, UF Wildlife Habitat and Restoration Expert, will discuss how to plant food plots and what seeds to use. Other topics include: how mineral affects the growth of deer antlers, deer and turkey feeder maintenance, and new camo designs. The program will be held in Clayton Hall at the Pasco County Fair Grounds, at 7:00PM on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. See the enclosed flyer.

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

This program is designed to determine the optimum stocking rate for your operation. Dr. Bill Kunkle, University of Florida Animal Science Department Nutrition Specialist, will lead a hands on body conditioning scoring demonstration on timing and the use of BCS as a management tool to determine stocking rates and optimal production. John Earman, JEAC Inc., has developed a computer simulator program for ranches that will allow cattlemen to determine impact of production changes on profitability over a ten year period. For more information and to RSVP contact Jim Selph at 941-993-4846 or myself at 352-521-4288 by August 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Pasco County Cattlemen's Youth Beef Show and Sale Activities**

The 2000 Pasco County Fair Exhibitors activities are about to begin another fun filled busy year for our 4-H

and FFA Beef Cattle Exhibitors. The initial steer weigh-in for ALL Pasco County 4-H and FFA will be Saturday, September 11 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM at the Albert A. Barthle Livestock Arena on the Pasco Fair Grounds. There will be a mandatory meeting for the FIRST YEAR exhibitors on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 PM in Clayton Hall at the Pasco Fair Grounds.

## Winter Supplementation Program

The focus of this program will cover the different type feed programs that are available in Florida and focus on the economic and nutritional value of each. Dr. Bill Kunkle, UF Animal Science Dept., will compare liquid by-product and commercially available feed sources. Dr. John Arthington, Ona REC, will demonstrate a free ration balancing program developed at Oklahoma State University, and how it might be used by Florida cattlemen to determine which feeding programs best suit their needs and be able to determine the total cost of a winter feeding program. The program will be held at the Sarasota County Extension Office on Thursday, September 16 from 4:00-8:00 PM. Please contact and RSVP to Jennifer Myers by Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 941-316-1000 or myself at 352-521-4288, 813-996-7341, ext. 4288 or 727-847-8177, ext. 4288.

## Pasco County Cattlemen Steak Supper

All Pasco County Cattlemen Members are invited to the Fall Steak Supper at the Sacred Heart Hall on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We will have two guest presentations following the meal. The two representatives will be from Ampro, discussing their feed supplement program, and Safe Guard, demonstrating their newest products available. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

## FCA Quality Replacement Heifer Sale

The Florida Cattlemen's Association is hosting their Fifth Annual Quality Heifer Sale on Friday, October 1 at 1:00 PM. Please note the new location will be at the Hardee County Livestock Market in Wauchula. For more information or if you would be interested in consigning some heifers to the sale, please contact Doug Paul, DP Sales Service, at 1-800-864-6015.

## Florida Forage Handbook

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 Agriculture Sciences, this handbook is an essential reference for cattle producers and forage managers.

With specific recommendations for forages and 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 crops in the Florida's unique environment.

Contains:

1. 33 chapters covering all aspects of forage production.
2. Additional sections for horse and dairy cattle managers.
3. Weed and insect management guidelines.

4. 30 color photos for easy forage identification.

## Congratulations

We are very honored to have some local cattlemen and cattle women receiving some outstanding rewards and honors at this year's Florida Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention.

The 1999 Outstanding CattleWoman of the year is Mrs. Kelly Huss. She has been extremely active and dedicated to promoting Florida's beef industry on the local, state and national levels. Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work!

The First Annual Farm Credit / Florida Cattlemen's Association Outstanding Rancher and Leader Award went to Mr. Bill Barthle. The award was created to recognize an individual, who actively furthers FCA business and objectives, and applies progressive management practices in his/ her own ranching business and shares that knowledge in a leadership role to others. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barthle and his family!

## Upcoming FCA Quarterly Meeting

The Pasco County Cattlemen's Association is hosting the December Florida Cattlemen's Quarterly Meeting. The dates are December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The business meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn in Port Richey on US 19. Pasco Cattlemen will host the steak supper at the 4-G Ranch on Thursday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Sporting Clay Tournament and Fund Raiser

Following the December Quarterly there will be a Sporting Clay Tournament held at the Double Barrel facility in Land-O-Lakes. The tournament is to raise money for the new Florida Cattlemen's Association State Office in Kissimmee. The tournament will begin around 3:00 PM on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be great prizes and door prizes, look for more information in the Florida Cattlemen's magazine.

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I'm looking forward to seeing you at these upcoming programs.

Sincerely,

James Stice,  
Livestock Extension Agent I



**For more information on any of these events please feel free to call me at (352) 521-4288 or [James Stice](#).**

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