

DESOTO COUNTY BEEF NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

13	Private Pesticide License Review and Testing - Family Service Center, Arcadia, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., (Tests will be given at 1:00 p.m.)
13	DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners Workshop on DeSoto County Ag-Center - County Administration Bldg, Board Room, 1:00 p.m.
22	Citrus Cancer Training and Certification Course - Gulf Coast Research and Education Center Auditorium, 5007 60 th Street East, Bradenton, 9:30 a.m.
22	Farm Credit of Southwest Florida Annual Stakeholder Meeting - Wauchula, 6:00 p.m.
22	Beef Cattle Health Demonstration - Polk County Agriculture Center, Bartow, 6:00 p.m.
28	Beef Cattle Health Demonstration - Manatee County Fairgrounds, Palmetto, 6:00 p.m.
29	Beef Cattle Health Demonstration - Hardee Livestock Market, Wauchula, 6:00 p.m.
29	DeSoto County Cattlemen's Association Spring Meeting - Family Service Center Annex, 7:00 p.m.

May

5-7	48 th Annual Beef Cattle Short Course - Sheraton Hotel, 2900 Sw 13 th Street, Gainesville
11	4-H Awards Reception - Family Service Center Annex, 6:00 p.m.
11-13	16 th Annual Reproductive Management School - Hardee County Agri-Civic Center, 507 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula

14	8 th Annual 4-H/Sprint Golf Classic - Lake Wales Golf and Country Club, Lake Wales
18	43 rd Vegetable Field Day - Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, 5007 60 th Street East, Bradenton, 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
June	
8-10	Forage and Pasture Management School - Session I - Soils and Nutrient Management, Sebring
16-18	Florida Cattlemen's Association Convention - Marco Island
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	
10-12	Forage and Pasture Management School - Session III - Forages and Cow/Calf System, Sebring

We Need Your Support for the DeSoto County Ag Center



Currently, in the House of Representatives budget is a request for \$300,000 and the Senate has \$400,000 in its budget for the DeSoto County Ag Center. It is important we write letters or call our local and state representatives requesting the funds for the Ag Center.

The need for such a facility is great. The Ag Center will be used to conduct educational programs, 4-H activities, and many other important community events. It will provide the Extension Office a larger place to display and house the important information and resources our community needs. During times of natural disaster, the Ag Center will provide much needed shelter relief space.

We again need your help to make the Agriculture Center a reality for DeSoto County. Please write letters or call the following Legislators and tell them we need the funds for an Agriculture Center in DeSoto County:

OR



Representative Lindsay M. Harrington	Senator John McKay
115 Tamiami Trail, Unit #2110	2424 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 101
Punta Gorda, FL 33950	Bradenton, FL 34250
Address to: "The Honorable Lindsay Harrington"	Address to: "The Honorable John McKay"
(941) 575-5820	(941) 741-3099
DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners	Representative David Bitner
Chairman Mr. Bob Avant	2811 Tamiami Trail, Suite #5
201 East Oak Street	Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Arcadia, FL 34266	Address to: "The Honorable David Bitner"
Address to: "Commissioner Bob Avant"	(941)764-1100
(941) 494-2754	
Governor Jeb Bush	
Executive Office of the Governor	
The Capitol	
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001	
Address to: "The Honorable Jeb Bush"	
(850) 922-4292	

I encourage all citizens from DeSoto County to write letters or call all persons mentioned. All letters can be dropped off at the Extension Office or mailed directly to the addresses above. Thank you for your support!

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

Pesticide License Review and Test

*A three hour **Pesticide License Review** will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at the Family Service Center. The class will review the material contained in the tests to obtain a private applicator pesticide license. The class will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at noon with the tests beginning at 1:00 p.m. Three CEU's will be offered to individuals which have a current pesticide license and attend class. A registration fee of \$17.00 per person is charged to cover study manuals and refreshments. Registration for CEU's is only \$3.00. If you wish to attend the class to obtain CEU's or to take the tests, please call the Hardee County Extension Service*

office at (941) 773-2164 to register. Minimum class size is 10 with the class being canceled if minimum is not obtained.

Citrus Canker Training and Certification Course

The Citrus Canker Training and Certification Course is being sponsored by the University of Florida's Cooperative Extension Service and the Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association. It will be held in Bradenton on April 22 at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, 5007 60th Street East. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude around noon.

The purpose of this 2 ½ hour course is to train attendees to recognize citrus canker symptoms on tree and fruit as well as gain an understanding of the disease's importance in Florida's citri-culture.

Successful completion of the course will lead to certification as official scout for Florida Department of Agriculture's survey and detection efforts. A total of 2 ½ CEU's will be offered for attending this course. For more information call Steve Futch, Multi County Citrus Agent at (941)956-1151 or Barbara Oxford at Peace River Valley Citrus Growers at (941) 494-0061.

Preregistration is not required.



Beef Cattle Health Demonstration "Produce Calves That Will Stay Healthy"

The Beef Cattle Health Demonstration is sponsored by the University of Florida's Cooperative Extension Service and manufacturers of Animal Health Products. There will be three classes offered, April 22 at the Polk County Ag Center in Bartow, April 28 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds in Palmetto and on April 29 at the Hardee Livestock Market in Wauchula. All programs will begin at 6:00 p.m.

This program will demonstrate safe handling and restraint of cattle, intramuscular and subcutaneous injection sites, ear injection sites for vaccine, pour-on applications of internal and external parasite control products, applications of growth promotant implants, rumen injection for applications of dewormer, oral application of dewormer, antibiotic selection and prevention of tissue residues, epinephrine for anaphylactic shock, the use of the processing map and the proper handling of vaccines.

If you are interested in attending, please contact our office at (941) 993-4846 for more

information.

48th Beef Cattle Short Course

The **Beef Cattle Short Course** is being offered May 5-7, in Gainesville, The theme for the short course this year is "Bullish on Quality Beef ". The focus of the program will be forage production and supplementation for efficient nutrition management. It will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Gainesville, located at 2900 SW 13th Street. Early registration is \$75.00, if paid by April 16.



16th Annual Beef Reproductive Management School

The 16th Annual Beef Reproductive Management School, presented by the South Florida Beef/Forage Program is being offered in Wauchula from May 11 to May 13 at the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center. This is an intense three day course in reproductive management of the cow herds. Although pregnancy diagnosis is given extensive treatment with hands-on experience, participants should not expect this training to make them proficient in this skill. The program is intended to provide individuals with an improved understanding of the subject of breeding herd management in order to accomplish their breeding program objectives.

Registration is limited to 25 students. This school fills every year so get your registration in early if you are interested. Contact our office at (941) 993-4846 for more information. If you would like to go ahead and register, you may contact either our office or Pat Hogue, County Extension Director, Highlands County at (941) 386-6540.

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 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 - 4:15 Beef Cattle Herd Health Requirements - A Reasonable Program for South Florida Ranchers

5:15 - 5:30 Questions & Answers

5:30 - 5:45 Break

5:45 - 6:15 Trichomoniasis - Its Symptoms, Incidence, Detection and Prevention

6:15 - 6:45 Fly Control - Does It Pay?

6:45 - 7:00 Wrap-up

7:00 Dinner (RSVP required)

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

8th Annual 4-H/Sprint Golf Classic



The Florida 4-H Foundation invites you to join as a partner in support of the **8th Annual 4-H/Sprint Golf Classic**. Player space is limited so call as soon as possible. The foundation can use your help as a hole sponsor, prizes, etc. Money raised by this tournament allows us to conduct the many statewide activities for Florida 4-H members. Many of our DeSoto County 4-H members have benefitted from this activity. Call our office (941) 993-4846 if you are interested in supporting this worthwhile event.

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 date of the program are Session I - June 8-10, Session II - July 13-15, and Session III August 10-12. The topics of each session are Session I - Soils and Nutrient Management, Session II - South Florida Forages, and Session III - Forages and the Cow/Calf System. Contact our office at (941) 993-4846 to register.

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

Sincerely,

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