

# MANATEE LIVESTOCKER

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*August - September 1998*

## *Calendar Of Events*

### **August**

8	Florida State Fair Steer Futurity Seminar and Sale - Tampa Fairgrounds
13	Peace River Citrus Agricultural Political Forum 12:00 Noon, Kendrick Auditorium, A \$10.00 Fee Charge
26-27	Citrus Expo, Lee County Civic Center - Call (941) 533-4114
29	Manatee Youth Steer Check-In for the Fair - Schroeder Manatee Ranch

### **September**

8	Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing - 2 CEU's 9:00 A.M. Agricultural Center, Palmetto
10	Program on HOW A BUDGET CAN HELP YOU 6:00 P.M., Kendrick Auditorium, A \$25.00 Fee charge
25	Florida Cattlemen Heifer Sale - Arcadia State Livestock Market
29-30	FACTS'98, Florida Citrus and Agricultural Conference, Trade Show Lakeland Civic Center

### **October**

3	Manatee Youth Swine Check-In, Manatee County Fairgrounds
8	Ona Research Center Field Day, Ona Research Center Call (941) 735-1314
17	Manatee Youth Heifer Check-In for the Fair
25	Manatee Youth Dairy Check-In for the Fair
<b>November</b>	
15-21	Farm City Week
20	Farm City Week Tours

### ***Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) Sign up Through September 1, 1998***

The Livestock Indemnity Program is an emergency effort to help livestock producers who suffered losses from recent natural disasters for which Secretarial Declarations were made from December 25, 1997 through May 1, 1998. Congress has approved \$4 million nationwide for a partial reimbursement to eligible producers for livestock losses in excess of the normal mortality rate (Normal mortality rate has already been set by Congress).

Eligible livestock are beef and dairy cattle; sheep; goats; swine; poultry, including egg-producing poultry; ratites (such as ostriches, emus, and reas); and equine animals used for food or in the production of food. Buffalo and beefalo are also included when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle. INELIGIBLE equine include racehorses, rodeo stock, pack animals, animals kept for recreational use, animals running wild or uncontrolled on the range, or maintained for slaughter purposes other than human consumption.

Producers must provide verification of eligible losses and inventories claimed on their applications, for example, rendering truck receipts or certificates. National Guard receipts of carcass removal, veterinary records, loan records, bank statements, IRS inventory records, farm credit balance sheets, property tax records, sales and purchase receipts or private insurance documents.

### ***Tree Assistance program (TAP) Sign Up July 27 Through September 1, 1998***

The 1998 TAP payments shall be made on FY1998 losses of eligible trees and vines planted to annual crops that were lost due to natural disaster weather as determined by FSA. Eligible trees are citrus, papaya and

Christmas, maple trees for syrup, and nursery tree stock grown in grown. Vines include grape, kiwi, or passion fruit grown for commercial purposes.

Owners must have suffered a 20% loss or greater, adjusted for normal mortality, and be in compliance with wetland conservation and highly erodible land provisions, and may not receive more than \$25,000. All work must be completed within 12 months and no advance payments are authorized.

Producers whose gross revenue was **more** than 2.5 million in the year previous to the disaster are **not eligible** for participation in DPDAP, LIP or TAP.

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***\* IMPORTANT \* DISASTER PROGRAM \****  
***Crops - Citrus Requirements***

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Wauchula informed me that it is critical that each farmer sign up on CROPS - CITRUS Planted to be eligible for any disaster programs through the U.S.D.A.. If acres are not registered through their office the producer will be ineligible for any payment or low interest loan. Call Eileen Brannon at (941) 773-4764 for more information.

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***- Publications Available from the Extension Office -***

- **SS-AGR-65 Pasture and Forage Crops for Horses**
- **SS-AGR-153 Liming of Field and Forage Crops**
- **Best Management Practices for Agrichemical Handling and Farm Maintenance**

**Saw Palmetto Symposium '98**

**August 12, 1998 - 11:30 AM**  
**Southwest Florida Research and Education Center**  
**Discussion Topic:**  
**"The future of the saw palmetto berry industry"**  
**For more information call: 941-658-3400**

For further information, contact Travis Seawright at 941/722-4524 ext. 236, or your local Farm Service Agency.

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