

# MANATEE LIVESTOCKER

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*March - April 1998*

## *Calendar Of Events*

### **April**

7-8	Land and Resource Management School: Sustaining Range & Environmental Resources in Arcadia. - Family Service Center, Arcadia
16-18	NCBA Region II Meeting, Orlando
28-30	15th Annual Beef Reproductive Management School presented by the South Florida Beef/Forage Program in Wauchula at the Hardee County Agri-Civic Center. This is an intensive three-day course in reproductive management of the cow herd. Contact Pat Hogue at (941) 386-6540 for more information and to register.
30-May 1	Artificial Insemination School. All participants must have attended the Reproductive Management School in the past. Contact Pat Hogue at (941) 386-6540 for further info and to register.

### **May**

6-8	47th Annual Beef Cattle Short Course - Radisson Hotel, 2900 SW 13th Str. , Gainesville
21	Florida Cattlemen's Institute Ranch Tour, Deseret Ranch, St. Cloud

### **June**

9-11	Forage and Pasture Management School - Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, 4509 W. George Blvd., Sebring
<b>July</b>	
14-16	Forage and Pasture Management School - Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, 4509 W. George Blvd., Sebring
<b>August</b>	
11-13	Forage and Pasture Management School - Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, 4509 W. George Blvd., Sebring

## ***Beef Cattle Management Calendar***

### **MARCH**

- Prepare land for summer crops
- Begin grazing warm season permanent pastures.
- Check and fill mineral feeder.
- Observe bulls for condition and success. Rotate and rest if needed.
- Deworm cows as needed.
- Make sure calves are healthy and making good weight gains.
- Hang forced-use dust bags by April 1st for external parasite control or use insecticide impregnated ear tags.
- Identify, vaccinate, implant and work late calves.
- Remove bulls March 22nd to end calving season January 1.

### **APRIL**

- Plant warm season annual pastures.
- Plant corn for silage.
- Check and fill mineral feeder.
- Check dust bags or apply treated ear tags.
- Check for external parasites and treat if necessary.
- Observe cows for repeat breeders.
- Deworm cows as needed if not done in March.
- Vaccinate against blackleg and brucellosis after 3 months of age and before 12 months of age.
- Market cull cows and bulls.
- Update market information and refine market strategy for calves.

## ***LICENSE CHANGE FOR AGRICULTURAL CARETAKERS***

FDACS has changed their policy for the type of pesticide license required of individuals who apply pesticides as part of a management (caretaking) program for agricultural property owners or cooperatives. Instead of a private license, these persons must now have a commercial license by July 1, 1998. A letter is being sent to all private applicators to this effect. This change would mostly impact those who perform caretaking activities on citrus; however, some do caretaking for other crops. Steve Futch, multi-county citrus agent for Manatee County, will be conducting a training course for those wishing to take the Commercial Tree Crops Test which is required for citrus caretakers. This training will be held at the Gulf Coast Research & Education Center in Bradenton on June 4 with the test administered following the two-hour training. Please call 722-4524 for additional information.

## **YOUTH PROJECT LOANS**

These loans made possible by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) will enable young people between the ages of 10 and 20 years to borrow money for income producing projects that will give them experience in operating their own enterprises. Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work. The project must also be planned and operated with the help of an organizational advisor (4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America, and similar organizations), produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience.

Eligibility is determined by the FSA County Committee, and requirements for operating loans apply. You must be a citizen of the United States (or a permanent resident); be at least 10 years old and under 21 years of age; live in the open country or in a town of less than 10,000 people; be unable to get a loan from other sources; and conduct a modest income producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above.

Loan funds may be used to purchase animals, equipment, and supplies. Loan funds may also be used to buy, rent or repair needed tools, and to pay operating expenses for the project.

The-interest rate is the same as for a regular operating loan.. The repayment schedule is worked out with Credit Manager. Payments will be tailored to the type of project for which the loan was made. If the loan is to raise livestock or crops, for example, it can be paid when the produce/livestock is sold. If the project is a repair shop or some other service operation, the loan can be paid from the weekly or monthly earnings.

Loan requirements consists of borrower signed a promissory note and being responsible for repayment of the loan. In some cases, a cosigner may be required. Loan collateral normally consists of products produced for sale, livestock, equipment, and other items purchased with loan funds Only projects of a modest size can be financed. The total outstanding principal balance may not exceed \$5,000.00.

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

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