

MANATEE LIVESTOCKER

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Calendar Of Events

April

6	Cattlemen Meeting with Dr. Mike Martin - details are being worked
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11-16	Young Cattlemen Tour - Kissimmee
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16	County Extension Volunteer Advisory Dinner - Civic Center
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28	Cattlemen's & Extension Herd Health Program here at the Ag. Center
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May

5-7	48th Annual Beef Cattle Short Course at Gainesville
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9-11	Conference on Livestock in the Tropics at Gainesville
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11-13	South Florida Beef-Forage Agents Reproduction School at Wauchula
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June

8-10	South Florida Beef-Forage School at Sebring
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16-18	Cattlemen's Annual convention at Marco Island
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July

13-15

South Florida Beef-Forage School II Session at Sebring

- Beef Cattle Management Calendar -

March

- Prepare land for summer crops.
- Begin grazing warm season permanent pastures.
- Check and fill mineral feeders.
- 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 imprgnated ear tags.
- Identify, vaccinate, implant and work late calves.
- Put bulls out March 1st for calving season to start December 9.
- Remove bulls March 22nd to end calving season January 1.

April

- Plant warm season annual pastures.
- Plant corn for silage.
- Check and fill mineral feeders.
- 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.

UP-COMING PROGRAMS -

The Extension Service has many new programs to be presented this year.

The first program will be a mini FORAGE TOUR to be held April 6th at the Schroeder Manatee Ranch Dr. Mike Martin, the new Dean of Research for IFAS, University of Florida, and Dr. Bill Brown, Assistant Dean of Research will be on the Tour. At 6:00 PM the Cattlemen Association will hold a get-to-gather meal at Eddie Graham's for the two visiting Deans. The cattlemen are invited to the meal and social **HOWEVER**, to get a count of meals to prepare please call Travis Seawright @722-4524 for reservations. This will be greatly

appreciated.

The 2nd Extension Program will be held April 28th here at the Agricultural Center at 6:00 PM. This will be a **Herd Health Seminar** put on by the Livestock Allied Industries. Pharmaceutical products will be demonstrated on live animals. A meal will be provided by the Allied Industry Reps. To insure that a correct number of meals will be available, please call Travis Seawright (941) 722-4524 for your reservations. Come and learn the latest methods and management practices to be used in the health management of cattle.

The 3rd Extension Program will be held in Wauchula on May 11, 12, & 13. The South Florida Beef-Forage Agents will be presenting a three day school on **Palpation and Pregnancy Testing**. This is a three day intense course that can be used for college credit. Over 25 Manatee cattlemen have gone through this course during the past sixteen years. There is a registration form that must be submitted prior to school and a \$200.00 fee to take the course. Call Travis Seawright for the registration forms and further information.

The 4th Extension Program will be a nine day **Forage School** that will be held over three days in June, three days in July and three days in August. A registration fee of \$175.00 will be charged for the full nine days, or each session will be \$65.00 each. This is an opportunity to learn the in-and-outs of Forage Management Practices that pay. See Travis or call for the registration forms.

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

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