

Orange County Livestock News

25th Annual Florida Cattlemen's Institute and Allied Trade Show

January 17, 2008

Osceola Heritage Park
1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane
off Highway 192 East of Kissimmee

"Keys to Profitability" - Nutrition, Health & Management for Reproduction

- 8:00 AM Trade Show Opens
- 9:45 AM Welcome: Larry Rooks, FCA President
- 10:00 AM Soil Fertility Mgmt for Forage Crops
Dr. Maria Silveria, Soils Specialist - University of Florida/IFAS | Range Cattle Research & Educ. Ctr.
- 10:30 AM Are Your Prepared for the Winter?
Dr. Joao Vendramini, Forage Specialist
University of Florida/IFAS | Range Cattle Research & Educ. Ctr.
- 11:00 AM Forage Analysis for Beef Cattle: Why, How and So What
Dr. Matt Hersom, Beef Cattle Specialist
UF/Extension, Gainesville
- 11:30 AM Least Cost Production
Randy Blach, Executive Director, Cattle FAX
- 12:30 PM Lunch - Orange County Cattlemen's Assoc (\$5)
President Fred Dietrich is asking members for help serving lunch. If you are available to help, call Ruth @407-254-9218.
- Awards Presentation
- 1:15 PM Basic Management that Returns Dollars: Bulls and Other Reproductive Tactics to Improve Profitability
- 1:45 PM Trade Show Break
- 2:00 PM Effective, Least Cost Production - Our Prospective - Producer Panel
- 3:00 PM Adjourn



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Please RSVP to your County Agent if you plan to attend.

Web Sites of Interest to Agriculturalists

Central Florida Livestock Agents
Group
[http://cflag.ifas.ufl.edu/
cflag.html](http://cflag.ifas.ufl.edu/cflag.html)

UF – Institute of Food and Agricultural
Sciences
www.ifas.ufl.edu

Agriculture Online
www.agriculture.com

South Florida Beef-Forage Group
www.ifas.ufl.edu/~sfbfp/

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Beef Cattle Management Calendar

OCTOBER

Plant cool season legumes.
Plant small grain pastures.
Check mineral and salt feeder.
Check for external parasites, especially lice, and treat if needed.
Check for spittlebugs and grassloopers and treat, if needed.
Watch condition of cow herd; maintain adequate nutrition.
Isolate any additions to the herd for 30 to 60 days and observe for signs of disease; retest for
brucellosis and leptospirosis.
Be sure you have adequate handling facilities, and they are in good working order.

NOVEMBER

Have soils tested.
Observe cows daily to detect calving difficulty.
Use mineral with high level of magnesium if grass tetany has been a problem in the past.
Check for external parasites and treat if needed.
Maintain adequate nutrient level for cow herd.
Calve in well-drained pastures.
Survey pastures for poisonous plants.
Start summarizing your annual records, both production and financial — then you will have time
to make adjustments for tax purposes.
Re-evaluate winter feeding program and feed supplies.

DECEMBER

Begin grazing small grain pastures (if ready).
Check mineral and salt feeder.
Check for external parasites and treat if needed.
Deworm cows and heifers prior to winter feeding season.
Observe regularly for calving difficulties.
Rotate calving pastures to prevent diseases.
Watch for scours in calves.
Investigate health of bulls before you buy.
Have dead animals posted by a veterinarian or diagnostic laboratory.
Complete review of management plan and update for next year.
Check replacement heifers to be sure they will be ready to breed 3-4 weeks prior to the main cow
herd.

USDA Announces Sign-Up Dates for New Livestock & Crop Disaster Programs

Three new ad hoc disaster programs are available to assist farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years, announced Kevin L. Kelley, State Exec. Dir. for the USDA Farm Service Agency FSA. These new programs are: the new Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and Crop Disaster Program.

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning Sept. 10, 2007. Eligible farmers can sign up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning Oct. 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP a sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

Call 352-343-2581 Ext. 2 for further information or to sign up for one of these programs.