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Orange County Livestock News

Weed Control Field Day



Meet UF/IFAS Extension weed specialist and 2008 Researcher of the Year, Dr Jay Ferrell, along with industry leaders speaking about weed identification and herbicide trials.
LUNCH provided by Dow Agrosiences.
RSVP by October 6, 2008. Call 352-521-4288 or email Pasco@ufl.edu

Pasture Weed Day

October 15, 2008
8:30 a.m.

Meet 5 University of Florida Extension specialists as they teach on controlling weeds that are "Hard to Control."

ONA Range Cattle Research Center
3401 Experiment Station
Ona, FL 33865

Cost is \$20 with pre-registration by September 30, 2008.
\$50 on-site registration.
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Web Sites of Interest to Agriculturalists

Central Florida Livestock Agents Group

<http://cflag.ifas.ufl.edu>

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/
beef.html](http://www.ifas.ufl.edu/~sfbfp/beef.html)

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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.

Local farms are growing *Jatropha curcas* in cooperation with Extension Agents Dennis Mudge and Richard Tyson. This plant is a biofuel which is expected to produce significant diesel biofuel. Contact Dennis at 407-254-9200 for more information.



Jatropha curcas is a woody shrub/tree that grows in tropical and semitropical environments. It produces a fruit that contains seeds. The seeds are 35% oil. When pressed the seed oil can be burned in diesel engines. The high quality oil can also be converted by a simple process called trans esterification into bio-diesel. *Jatropha* oil can also be converted into a jet fuel substitute for JP8 aviation fuel.