



Newsletter

August 2006



Dates to Remember

August

- 7-10** Beef Cattle Reproduction Management School, Deseret Ranch - Deer Park, FL
- 18** 1st Annual Deer/ Turkey Management Shortcourse - Turner Center Annex, Arcadia, FL
- 19** Sumter County Cattlemen's Association Meeting - Bevilles Corner, FL
- 30 - 09/01** FCA Fall Quarterly Meeting - Sarasota, FL

September

- 08/30 - 09/01** FCA Fall Quarterly Meeting - Sarasota, FL
- 9** Limousin Sale of the South - Marianna, FL
- 23** Pine Ridge Angus Sale - Omega, GA
- 27-28** 2006 Grazing Management School - Hardee County Agricultural Civic Center, Wauchula, FL
- 28** Farm Credit Ag Institute Candidates Forum - Orlando, FL
- 29** FCA Quality Replacement Heifer Sale - Arcadia, FL

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Department Chair Update

Following his announcement in November 2005, **Dr. F. Glen Hembry** has resigned as chair and returned to the faculty of the Department of Animal Sciences on July 3, 2006. Glen Hembry came to the University of Florida in 1990 to serve as chair of the Department of Animal Science and since 2000 as chair of the Department of Animal Sciences. He plans to continue to be involved in teaching and extension.

The search for a new department chair has led

to the appointment of **Dr. Geoffrey E. Dahl** to assume the position of Professor and Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences. Geoff Dahl comes to UF from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he has been working on the effect of photoperiod on lactation, growth, and health of dairy cattle and effects of various milking frequencies.

Assistant chair **Dr. Joel Brendemuhl** has accepted the request from the IFAS administration to serve as interim department chair until the new chair has arrived.

**Florida Equine
Institute & Allied
Trade Show**



UF UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA
IFAS Extension

**“Managing
Florida Horses
for Competition
and Pleasure”**

September 21, 2006
8:00 a.m.

Southeastern Livestock Pavilion
2232 NE Jacksonville Road
Ocala, Florida 34470
GPS: W 82° 07.835'
N 29° 12.662'

This Equine Institute and Allied Trade Show is
conducted by:
Central Florida Livestock Agents Group

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Ed Johnson, Ph. D.

Extension Equine Specialist

Saundra TenBroeck, Ph. D.

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8:00 - 8:45

Trade Show Opens / Registration

Moderator:

Mark Shuffitt, Chairman Equine Institute

8:45 - 9:15

*“University of Florida Mobile Equine Diagnostic
Service (MEDS)”*

Michael B. Porter, D.V.M., PhD, DACVIM

MEDS Director

Clinical Assistant Professor

UF College of Veterinary Medicine



9:15 - 9:45

*“Saving Your Grass - Grazing Management
Strategies for Horse Pasture”*

Mark Shuffitt, BS, MS

Livestock Agent

UF/IFAS Marion County Extension

9:45 - 10:30

“Equine Parasites, Resistance & Control”

Charlie Courtney, DVM, PhD

Pathobiology

Associate Dean

UF College of Veterinary Medicine

10:30 - 11:00

Trade Show Break

11:00 - 12:00

*“Equine Supplements - What Doesn't Work, What
Does and When to Use”*

Amy Gill, PhD

Equine Nutrition Consultant

Lexington, KY

PM

12:00 - 12:15

*Update**“Florida Equine Waste Management / BMP’s”*

Saundra TenBroeck, Ph.D.

Department of Animal Sciences

University of Florida

12:15 - 1:00

Lunch/Trade Show Break

1:00 - 2:00

“Selecting, Evaluating & Feeding Horse Hay”

Lori Warren, PhD

Equine Nutritionist

Department of Animal Sciences

University of Florida

2:00 - 2:30

*“Florida Equine Industry Update ”**Speaker: TBD*

2:30 - 3:00

Trade Show Break

3:00 - 4:00 - Live Animal Demonstration

*“Bits & Biting”**Ed Johnson, PhD**Equine Extension Specialist*

Department of Animal Sciences

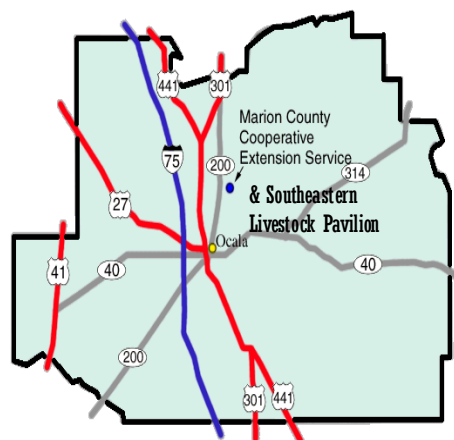
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Register Now To Win \$500 Gift Certificate!

Each paid participant registration to the 2006 Florida Equine Institute and Allied Trade Show will be entered in a drawing to win a \$500 gift certificate good at Tack Shack of Ocala, Inc. or Tack Shack Too. Take a look at their website <http://www.tackshackofocala.com/>. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the program on September 21, 2006. You do not need to be present to win.

Registration includes admission to all seminars, trade show, a printed copy of the speakers' papers, refreshment breaks and catered lunch. Additionally, each paid registrant will be eligible to win a \$500 gift certificate for use at *Tack Shack of Ocala, Inc* or *Tack Shack Too*.

PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION FORM	
2006 Florida Equine Institute & Allied Trade Show September 21 Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Ocala, Florida	
PLEASE PRINT	
Name	_____
Organization	_____
Address	_____
City	_____
State	_____
County	_____
Registration Includes: All seminars, trade show, proceedings, refreshment breaks, and lunch	
_____ \$25 Registration Fee (Postmarked on or before 9/11/06)	
_____ \$15 Student Registration Fee	
_____ \$50 Late Registration Fee (postmarked after 9/11/06) or pay at the gate	
MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: Marion County Extension	
For more information contact: Marion County Extension Service ATTN: Mark Shuffitt 2232 NE Jacksonville Road Ocala, Florida 34470-3615 Phone: 352-671-8400 Email: jmsh@ufl.edu	



**Directions to
Southeastern Livestock Pavilion from I-75:
Exit #354 – US Hwy 27**

Turn east on US 27 continue to US 441, turn north onto US 441 and go to first traffic light, turn east onto 200A continue for approximately 1 mile Southeastern Livestock Pavilion is on the north side of 200A.



Bronson Announces New Tax Exemption for Agricultural Producers

Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson has announced that a new state law that takes effect this month exempts electricity used for agricultural production from the state's sales tax.

"We are grateful that the Legislature enacted this meaningful relief measure, which will assist our agricultural producers in helping them hold down their production costs," Bronson said.

Under terms of the law, which took effect July 1, the exemption requires that those requesting it separately meter electricity used in production activities from the electricity used for other purposes. If the electricity is centrally metered and is used for both tax-exempt and taxable purposes, the purchase of the electricity is subject to tax.

The exemption covers virtually all aspects of a farmer or rancher's business operation, including the preparation, planting, cultivating, harvesting and processing of agricultural products. It includes aquaculture, horticulture, floriculture, viticulture, forestry, dairy, livestock, poultry, bees and any or all forms of farm products.

To qualify for the exemption, agricultural producers must furnish their utility provider with an exemption certificate stating that the electricity will be used directly and exclusively for the production or processing of agricultural products. Producers can contact the Florida Department of Revenue for forms and other information about the exemption at www.myflorida.com/dor - or they can call the agency's taxpayer services section at (800) 352-3671 or (850) 488-6800.

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 Release - July 18, 2006

Drought Leads to Jump in Cattle on Feed, Lower Beef Prices

The number of cattle in the nation's feed yards jumped 5 percent in June as a persistent drought in the central and northern plains led farmers to sell off their cattle at an earlier age and lower weight. Analysts had expected a smaller increase of 2.5 percent.

The increase marks the second-largest supply of cattle on feed at that date since the Agriculture Department started recording that data in 1996.

The sudden glut is good news for processors, who will see lower prices, but bad news for growers, who are sending young cattle to feed at a pace far above expectations. The sale of young cattle to feedlots jumped 10 percent in June, when a decline of 2.5 percent had been predicted.

Farmers were forced to sell off cattle under 700 pounds because of the lack of grazing land. These cattle have been the most profitable segment of the industry, and a thorn in the side of feeders and processors, who have had to feed the cattle to record weights to recoup their investment in the calf market.

The early sale of young cattle may lead to a slowing of the expansion of the national herd, which increased 1 percent to 105.7 million animals in June. Growers sent more heifers to feedlots for eventual slaughter than predicted, leading to a flat number of breeding cattle in the herd.

SOURCE: Pete Hisey
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