



Newsletter

July 2006



Dates to Remember

July

- 3** Plants Poisonous to Horses - Miami, FL
- 4** Independence Day
- 6-8** State 4-H Horse Show - Tampa, FL
- 11** Horse Council Meeting - Jacksonville, FL
- 12** Emergency Management for Horse Farms - Marion County Agriculture Center, Ocala, FL
- 13-14** Basic Meat & Poultry HACCP Training Course - Kissimmee, FL
- 19** NFBFG 9th Regional Hay Field Day - Live Oak, FL
- 24-28** State 4-H Congress - Gainesville, FL
- 26-30** Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships - North Carolina

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
- 30-09/01** FCA Fall Quarterly Meeting - Sarasota, FL

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Florida Equine Institute & Allied Trade Show

a program by:
CENTRAL FLORIDA LIVESTOCK AGENTS' GROUP

Thursday, September 21, 2006



Southeastern Livestock Pavilion
2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala 34470
— **Reservations are required** —
\$25.00 (before Sept. 11)

\$50.00 (on-site or after Sept. 11)

Call Marion County Extension (352) 671-8400

Beef Cattle Reproduction Management School



DESERET RANCH Deer Park, Florida

(Tentative Schedule)

Monday, Aug. 7	Tuesday, Aug. 8	Wednesday, Aug 9	Thursday, Aug 10
1:00 pm - Registration	8:00 am - Lab Session to include Ultra-sound at Cow Pens Unit 2	7:00 am - Lab Session to include Ultra-sound at Cow Pens Unit 2	7:00 am - Lab Session to include Ultra-sound at Cow Pens Unit 2
1:30 pm – Welcome Joe Walter & Deseret Manager	12:00 pm - Lunch	12:00 pm - Lunch	10:30 am - Bull Selection & Use of Performance Records Ed Jennings
1:35 pm - Reproduction Basics Dr. Gary Hansen	1:00 pm - Genetic Mgmt. For Efficient Reproduction Dr. Al Warnick	1:00 pm - Repro Implications of Body Condition Dr. John Arthington	11:00 am - Estrus Synchronization & Heat Detection Dr. Gary Hansen
3:00 pm - Break	1:30 pm – Heifer Development Joe Walter	1:45 am - Nutrition for Reproduction Dr. John Arthington	11:55 am - Review & Evaluations
3:15 pm - Health Mgt. - Vaccinations Program Dr. Todd Thrift	2:30 pm - Break	3:00 pm - Break	12:00 pm - Lunch
4:00 pm - Pregnancy Testing Dr. Joel Yelich	2:45 pm - Coping with Calving Problems Dr. Matt Walter	3:15 pm - Breeding Season Management Sharon Gamble	1:00 pm – Adjourn
4:30 pm – Quiet Handling of Cattle Dr. Todd Thrift	3:30 pm - Bull Breeding Soundness Exam Dr. Matt Walter	4:00 pm - Body Condition Problem Dr. Matt Herson	
5:00 pm – Reproductive Tract Lab Dr. Joel Yelich	4:15 pm - Live Animal Demo of BSE Dr. Matt Walter		
5:30 pm - Adjourn	5:30 pm - Adjourn	5:30 pm - Adjourn	

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TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AGENT

SIGN-UP IS ON A FIRST-COME BASIS - COST: \$175.

West Central Florida Regional 352-521-4288 Marion 352-620-3440 Brevard 321-952-4536 Lake 352-343-4101
Seminole/Orange 407-836-7570 Volusia 386-822-5778 Polk 863-519-8677 Osceola 321-697-3000

QA State Coordinators Meeting Held

Over 100 Quality Assurance state coordinator and producer leaders from 38 states attended the 16th Annual Quality Assurance State Coordinators Seminar in Kansas City, MO, on June 8-9. Topics discussed included the 2005 National Beef Quality Audit, Transportation Quality Assurance, Animal Welfare best practices, Trade Status, QSA, Cattle Learning Center, TB report, Instrument Grading and E. coli status. Speakers for the two-day event ranged from USDA officials to university and private industry experts. The group was also updated on current global beef trade issues and the importance of consumer communications to quality assurance programs. The seminar provides an excellent opportunity for states to share Q.A. program materials and information for use back in their home state.



From left to right: Todd Thrift, UF/IFAS, Department of Animal Sciences; Ryan Ruppert, National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Roger West, FL Cattleman; Matt Hersom, UF/IFAS, Department of Animal Sciences; Max Irsik, UF/IFAS, College of Veterinary Medicine.



Sponsored by:
University of Florida
Department of Animal Sciences
Gainesville, FL

Basic Meat & Poultry HACCP Training Course

July 13 & 14, 2006
Ramada Plaza Hotel & Inn Gateway
Kissimmee, FL



About the Program

This program is designed to provide the attendee with a working knowledge of HACCP and its supporting Programs. The information will be presented by certified instructors in short, concise lectures. In addition, within small working groups, the attendees will actually develop a HACCP plan and present it to the class for discussion and critique.

Upon successful completion of the course, the attendee will be registered with the International HACCP Alliance and recognized as completing a HACCP training program.

Industry Sponsors

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS)

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HACCP Training Schedule

Thursday, July 13, 2006
8:00 a.m.

Registration

HACCP Introduction

- Overview
- History
- Benefits

Pre-Requisite Programs

- Good Manufacturing Practices
- Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures
- Pest Control
- Plant Specific Programs

Seven Principles of HACCP

Principle 1

- Hazard Analysis
- Biological, Physical and Chemical Hazards
- Information Sources
- Breakout Groups
- Group Presentation

Principle 2

- Identifying Critical Control Points
- Using the Decision Tree to determine CCP's

Principle 3

- Establish Critical Limits
- Breakout Groups
- Group Presentation

Friday, July 14, 2006
8:00 a.m.

Principle 4

- Monitoring Procedures

Principle 5

- Corrective Actions
- Breakout Groups
- Group Presentation

Principle 6

- Verification Procedures

Principle 7

- Record Keeping and Documentation Procedures

Implementation of HACCP

- Management Support
- Educational Programs

Maintaining the HACCP Plan

- Employee Education
- Plan Re-assessment
- Measuring the Plan's Effectiveness

Regulatory Issues

5:00 PM - Summary and Wrap-Up

Registration

To register, please contact Pam Gross at (352) 392-1916, by email at gross@animal.ufl.edu, or visit the website at <http://www.animal.ufl.edu>.

For questions concerning the training course, please contact Dr. Terry Houser at (352) 392-2454 or by email at houser@animal.ufl.edu.



Bronson Reminds People to Plan Ahead for Animals as Hurricane Season Gets Underway

Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson is urging Florida residents to have a plan ready for their pets and livestock in the event of a hurricane.

“An approaching hurricane brings enough worries and people should not wait until the last minute to have specific plans in place to deal with their pets and livestock in the event of an evacuation or even power outage,” Bronson said. “The time to have the plan in place is well before a storm is bearing down.”

Pet owners should keep ID tags and vaccinations up to date. They should also prepare a disaster kit to take if they bring along their pets during an evacuation or to bring to a shelter or boarding facility. It should include: food and water for at least three days for each pet and a manual can opener; vaccination records, medications and medical records stored in a waterproof container; written information on medical conditions, behavior problems and contact numbers for the veterinarian; sturdy leashes, harnesses and carriers to transport pets safely; current photos to help others identify them in the event people become separated from their pets.

People should also find out in advance which hotels and motels outside their immediate area will accept pets; check with friends and relatives if they would be able to shelter a pet if necessary; make a list of boarding facilities and veterinary offices along an evacuation route that may be able to shelter animals in emergencies

People who own horses should also make advance arrangements to shelter the animals in an emergency evacuation. They can contact their local agricultural extension agent or emergency management authorities to find out about shelters in the area.

Horse owners should also put the animal's Coggins tests, veterinary papers, identification photographs and other vital information in a watertight container. They should also have a supply of water, hay, feed and medications for several days for each horse being evacuated and prepare a basic, portable first aid kit.

If it is not possible to evacuate a horse, owners should make sure every animal has durable and visible identification, reinforce the barn and outbuildings with hurricane straps and other measures and modify fencing and open gates so that horses can move to high ground in the event of a floor or low-lying areas during high winds.

People should have large containers of water ready for animals, enough to last at least a week after the hurricane and secure anything that could become blowing debris and injure the animals.

The Division of Animal Industry web site at http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/ai/adc/adc_emerg_manag_links.shtml has emergency animal shelter and other important information available.

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Bison Ranchers Press for Grass-Fed Regulation

Representatives of the National Bison Association will visit USDA in July to support a proposed regulation on the use of the term “grass-fed” in meat labeling.

According to the association's president, Dave Carter, ranchers are pleased with the proposed rule, which requires that animals receive 99 percent of their lifetime food supply from grass or forage, but worry that “verifying compliance with the proposed standards may create excessive additional costs or regulatory burdens.”

NBA is scheduled to meet with Dr. Martin O'Conner, chief of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, during the association's scheduled legislative roundup in Washington July 9-12.

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