

Madison County Agriculture News



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A note from your Agent . . .

Spring is here, flowers are blooming and the grass is green again. Some wildlife happenings this month include; hummingbirds feeding on blooms, Bobwhite Quail nest now through September, grosbeaks, warblers, tanagers, orioles, and thrashers begin returning to North America, manatees move up the Wakulla and St. Marks rivers, pine barrens tree-frogs begin calling, beginning of Sea Turtle nesting season on Florida beaches, Alligators begin moving about, the cobia migration is in full swing at the Panhandle, and blooming wildflowers and picture plants blanket the wet Savannah's of the Apalachicola National Forest.

Thank you,

April 2009

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Beef Management Tips

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Forestry Herbicide Workshop

UF/IFAS Agricultural CEU Day

Goat Field Day

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Fruit and Nut Twilight Field Day

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April 2009:

Thursday 2nd - Forestry Herbicide Workshop

Saturday 4th - Perennial Peanut Association Meeting

Friday 17th - Goat Field Day

Tuesday 21st - UF/IFAS Agricultural CEU Day 2009

Tuesday 28th - Horse Management School

May 2009:

Thursday 14th - Fruit and Nut Twilight Field Day, NFREC-Suwannee Valley

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Beef Management Tips

- Plant warm season annual pastures.
- Fertilize permanent pastures according to soil test if not done previously.
- Plant corn for silage.
- Worm cows as needed if not done in March.
- Continue monitoring mineral feeders.
- Check dust bags or apply treated ear tags.
- Check for external parasites and treat if necessary.
- Update market information and refine market strategy for calves
- Vaccinate against blackleg and brucellosis after 3 months of age and before 12 months of age.



Lawn and Garden Tips

- This is the last month to plant annual flower seeds that need to germinate before the hot weather returns.
- New varieties of coleus do well in sun or shade and provided vivid colors and patterns for months.
- Divide overcrowded fall flowering perennials and bulbs to expand garden beds.
- Mulch well to prevent weeds and help conserve water.
- Louisiana Iris thrives in most soil types and makes a beautiful cut flower.
- Replant Caladium bulbs that were dug last fall and stored for the winter.
- Continue planting warm season crops.
- There is a wide variety of shrubs that can be added to the landscape now.



Forestry Herbicide Workshop

Date and Location:

Thursday, April 2, 2009, 8:30AM-4:30PM ET at Columbia County Extension Office, 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane, Lake City, FL 32025

Workshop Description & Objectives:

The target audience for the workshop is new and established forest landowners, herbicide application contractors, and the general public. Topics that will be discussed are as follows: forestry herbicides, how they have changed and new products; application techniques; woody

vegetation and herbaceous vegetation control for pine establishment; pine release from hardwood encroachment; pesticide safety; and invasive vegetation control. Florida Pesticide Training Continuing Education Credits available.

Pre-Registration:

Contact Stan Shepard at (386) 758-5713 or shepars@doacs.state.fl.us to register.

Space will be limited so register early. Please share this announcement with other interested forest landowners.

UF/IFAS Agricultural CEU Day 2009

Date and Location:

Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 9:30AM-3:00PM ET at Madison County Extension Office, 184 NW College Loop, Madison, FL 32340 (Polycom)

Workshop Agenda:

- 10:00-Pasture Weed Management
- 10:30-Use of Biopesticides for the Management of Vegetable Diseases
- 11:00-A Dresser Drawer Method to Rotate Pesticides for Resistance Management
- 1:00-Behavior, Ecology and Management of Wood-boring Insects

2:00-Managing Diaprepes Root Weevil with Entomopathogenic Nematodes

3:00-Adjourn

Approved CEUS:

- Private - 4.5
- Ag Row Crop - 2
- Ag Tree Crop - 3
- Demo & Research - 4.5
- Ornamental & Turf - 3

Pre-Registration:

Contact the Madison County Extension Office at (850) 973-4138.

Goat Field Day

Friday, April 17, 2009 in Quincy, FL For more information please contact Angela McKenzie-Jakes, FAMU Goat Specialist at 850-875-8557.

Horse Management School

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 from 4pm-7:30pm at the Suwannee County Fairgrounds, the North East Florida Beef Forage Group will be sponsoring this event. To register or for more information contact 386-362-1725.

Fruit & Nut Field Day

Thursday, May 14, 2009 starting at 4pm located at the North Florida Research Education Center-Suwannee Valley, Live Oak. To register or for more information contact Karen Hancock at 386-362-1725 x101