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Basic Meat & Poultry HACCP Training Course

August 16 & 17, 2007

Hilton Deerfield Beach/Boca Raton - Deerfield Beach, FL

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.

Cost for his training course is \$350.00. To register, please visit <http://www.animal.ufl.edu>. For registration information, please contact Pam Gross at (352) 392-1916 or pjg352@ufl.edu. For program information, please contact Larry Eubanks at (352) 392-7528 or leubanks@ufl.edu.



Dates to Remember

August

- 1-5 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships - Memphis, TN
- 4 NFBFG Small Ruminant Production Workshop (Meat Goats, Dairy Goats and Sheep) - Live Oak, FL
- 6-9 Beef Cattle Reproduction Management School - Deer Park, FL
- 9 Regional Hay Field Day - Alachua, FL
- 9 NE Florida Beef & Forage Field Day - Alachua, FL
- 11 Florida Brangus Breeders Accent On Quality Sale - Kissimmee, FL
- 11 Basic Pasture Management School - Wauchula, FL
- 15 Equine Advisory Committee Meeting - Kissimmee, FL
- 16 Beef Quality Assurance Certification - Sebring, FL
- 16-17 Basic Meat & Poultry HACCP Training Program - Deerfield Beach, FL
- 21 Beef Advisory Committee Meeting - Live Oak, FL
- 28 Beef Cattle Nutrition Short Course - Interactive Video/Various Florida Locations
- 29-30 Beef Cattle Reproduction & Palpation Workshop - UF/IFAS Dairy Research Unit; Hague, FL
- 31 Fink Beef Genetics "Double Hitter" Angus and Charolais Female Sale Randolph, KS

September

- 1 Partners in Progress XXI Sale - Wadley, GA
- 5-6 Advanced Pasture Management School - Arcadia & Ona, FL
- 12-14 FCA Fall Quarterly Meeting - Sarasota, FL
- 19 CIH Educational Seminar "Managing Prices for Optimal Cattle Returns" - Okeechobee, FL
- 20 CIH Educational Seminar "Managing Prices for Optimal Cattle Returns" - Kissimmee, FL
- 20 FL Equine Institute & Allied Trade Show - Ocala, FL
- 21 CIH Educational Seminar "Managing Prices for Optimal Cattle Returns" - Gainesville, FL
- 22 Pine Ridge Angus Sale - Omega, GA
- 25 Beef Cattle Nutrition Short Course - Interactive Video/Various Florida Locations
- 29 Open Hereford Show, Suwannee River LS Pavillion - Fanning Springs, FL

Don't miss this opportunity!

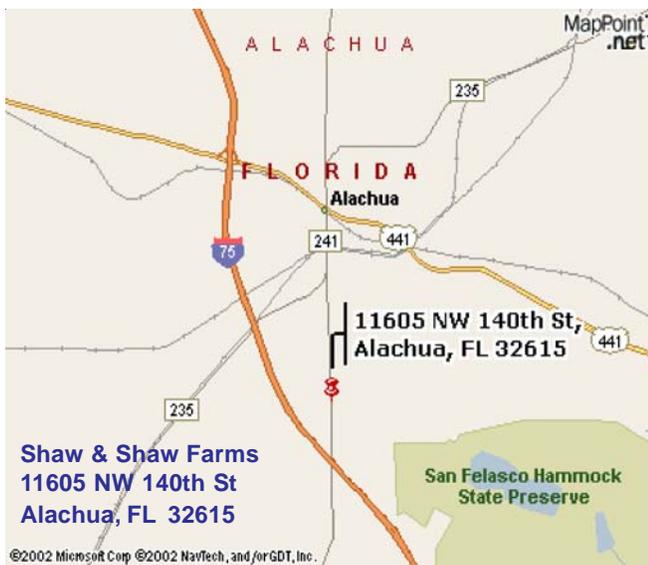


**Northeast Florida
Beef and Forage Group
Presents
10th Regional Hay
Field Day**

**Registration 8:30 AM
\$5.00 per person for lunch**

**Discussions/Demonstrations &
Table Displays**

- Drought Related Options
- Hay Quality
- Forage Insect Management
- Irrigation Options
- Haylage
- Pesticide Management (CEU's)
- Forage BMP's



Directions to Farm:

I-75 to Alachua Hwy 441 Exit. East on 441 to intersection of Hwy 441 & 235. Turn Right (south) at red light. Go over RR tracks, 241 will split off to the left. Take left on Hwy 241 South. Go approximately 2 miles, Shaw & Shaw farms will be on the left.



**Governor and
Cabinet Honor
America's
Cowboys**

**Resolution Introduced by Bronson
Designates Special Day**

Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Cabinet honored the state's historic cattle industry by adopting a resolution declaring July 28 as "National Day of the American Cowboy."

The resolution, which was unanimously approved, was introduced by Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Charles H. Bronson, a fifth-generation Floridian whose family has been in the cattle and farming business since the 1630s.

Florida is the oldest cattle-raising state in the nation, tracing its long heritage to 1521, when Ponce de Leon introduced cattle and horses to Florida. Today, cattle remains a huge industry in Florida, as roughly 1 million calves are born each year in the state.

The resolution honors the "pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, who have contributed to Florida's growth and stewardship of natural resources." It states that "the cowboy spirit continues to infuse the state with its solid character, sound family values and good common sense."

"The cowboy is an American icon whose recognition acknowledges America's ongoing commitment to an esteemed and enduring code of conduct," the resolution says.

Bronson delivered a copy of the resolution to the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association, an organization that will be holding a celebration in honor of the designation in downtown Okeechobee on July 28.

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Beef Checkoff Group to Roll Out New Line of Beef Cuts

A new line of beef value cuts fabricated from the beef chuck roll is slated for a 2008 rollout, according to the Beef Checkoff-funded Beef Innovations Group (BIG).

BIG expects at least four new cuts from the chuck roll to debut in foodservice and retail channels in 2008. The new cuts include grilling steaks, a roast meant for dry roasting, boneless country-style ribs and a fully cooked roast. Expanding the value cuts line is among the checkoff-funded tools aimed at reaching the industry's goal to increase beef demand 10 percent by 2010.

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NCBA Stresses Grasslands Preservation, Disaster Assistance

The need for a more workable grasslands conservation program and a permanent disaster assistance program were the top priorities with ranchers during a hearing before the Senate Finance Committee. The Committee held the hearing to discuss Oversight of Government Tax Policy in Farm Country.

Terry Fankhauser, executive vice president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, testified on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). His testimony focused on the importance of preserving our nation's grasslands and the need for a permanent disaster relief program for agriculture.

"Our ranches and grasslands keep open spaces open. Our producers, their families, and their communities keep rural America rural. And everyone in the cattle industry is striving to keep on-the-farm jobs on the farm," said Fankhauser. "We need to keep our grasslands and ranchlands intact, and we need tools like the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) to help keep our producers on the land and in business."

While NCBA supports continued funding for the GRP, Fankhauser identified specific recommendations to help make it more landowner friendly:

- The 2007 Farm Bill should give USDA more flexibility to allow private land trusts to not only hold GRP easements,

but also negotiate the terms of the easements.

- Third parties should be able to use their own easement template for a GRP easement, as long as it includes the necessary grassland conservation restrictions.
- GRP easements should have the ability to be transferred to other qualified organizations in the event of dissolution or if they are unable to fulfill their easement monitoring responsibilities.

"We understand that the government must protect their interest in the easement," said Fankhauser, "but we hope that the committee will build flexibility into the program to allow the easement to be transferred to another qualified land trust before it reverts to the government."

In his testimony, Fankhauser also reinforced NCBA's support for S. 469, which will make permanent a 2006 tax code change for voluntary conservation donations – donations by private landowners that retire development rights to protect significant wildlife, scenic, and historic resources.

"That change enables family farmers, ranchers, and other moderate-income landowners to get a significant tax benefit for such donations, which simply was not possible under prior law," explained Fankhauser. "That opens the door to voluntary, landowner-led conservation on millions of acres of land across the country."

On the topic of disaster assistance, Fankhauser said farmers and ranchers need a permanent disaster assistance program to better deal with the impacts suffered in the wake of hurricanes, wildfires, tornados, blizzards, floods or even prolonged drought.

"Over the past several years, Congress has moved to pass disaster assistance on an ad hoc basis in an effort to help those impacted by these catastrophic events. However, it has become abundantly clear that this 'touch and go' system of addressing agricultural disasters is no longer an effective or viable means of providing timely aid to those in need," said Fankhauser. "Cattle producers urge construction of a permanent disaster assistance program that includes three particular Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs: the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), and the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)."

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FLORIDA
 IFAS EXTENSION

Florida Equine Institute & Allied Trade Show

a program by:
**CENTRAL FLORIDA LIVESTOCK
 AGENTS' GROUP**

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Southeastern Livestock Pavilion
 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala 34470
 — Reservations are required —
 \$25.00 (before Sept. 10)
 \$50.00 (on-site or after Sept. 10)
 Call Marion County Extension 352-671-8400

Discussion Topics:

“Bermudagrass Horse Hay - Facts & Myths; Coastal vs. Tifton 85”

“Horse Psychology - The Language of Horses”

“Equine Health Care & Disease Prevention”

“Communication & Control, Riding with Natural Aids”

“Stretching Your Hay Supply - What to Feed When Hay is Scarce”

“Florida Equine Industry Update ”

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