GROWING GRASS for Small Acreages

This course is sponsored by The South Florida Beef-Forage Program of the University of Florida, Cooperative Extension Service. This course represents basic Pasture Management principles and concepts. It is part of a continuing multi-County education effort to help South-Central Florida small and inexperienced producers become familiar with raising livestock on small acreages under pasture conditions for sustainability of pastures and grazing programs.

Grazing management is the manipulation of livestock grazing to obtain defined outputs of livestock products. It involves careful management of both pasture and livestock resources to meet desired objectives. The theories of grazing management concepts and pasture management, along with weed control, soils and soil fertility, animal needs and stocking rates, and parasite control methods are discussed in a classroom setting. Producers are encouraged to attend the Grazing Management School to get a more in-depth knowledge of grazing management.

This is the first offering of this course in its current format, and we encourage new producers or anyone managing livestock on small acreages to attend. Registration fee for this school is $20.00 if returned by February 26, 2010, and $30.00 if returned after February 26, 2010, or at the door. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting one of the participating Extension Agents listed on the back of this brochure. Registrations should be returned to, and checks made payable to:

South Florida Beef-Forage Program
c/o Christa L. Kirby
1303 17th St W
Palmetto, FL 34221

Grazing Management School Agenda

8:00am Registration

9:00am Introduction – Small Farm Perspective - Pat Hogue

9:15am What Do You Really Want - Reyna Speckmann

10:00am Morning Break

10:15am Animal Needs & Stocking Rates - Randy Gornto

11:15am Pasture Management - Dr. Joe Vendramini

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Soils & Fertility, Location and fertilization - Christa Kirby

1:45 Weed Control for More Productive Pastures - Bridget Carlisle

2:15 Afternoon Break

2:30 Animal Parasite Control - Lindsey Wiggins

3:15 Panel Q & A

4:00pm Evaluation & Adjourn

Dates, times and locations are subject to change.

Growing Grass for Small Acreages Registration Form

Name ______________________
Address _____________________ City ______________________
Zip Code ____________________
Phone ______________________
Email _______________________

Detach this registration form from the brochure and return it to the address listed below, or to one of the South Florida Beef-Forage Program Agents listed in this brochure along with $20.00 non-refundable registration fee by close of business February 26, 2010 to insure adequate arrangements are made for your attendance. Any registrations received after February 26, 2010 or at the door will be charged a $30.00 late registration fee.

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Persons requiring special accommodations per the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Randy Gornto at (863) 402-6540 at least (5) five working days prior to the conference.