

Rebecca TenBroeck has just begun her Master's program in Agronomy working with forage plant breeder Dr. Ann Blount and forage crops professor Dr. Lynn Sollenberger. Her proposed research is two-pronged and relates to the production of perennial peanut as a pasture and hay forage for horses. The first project will be to survey perennial peanut producers, hay store owners, hay brokers, and buyers of perennial peanut and alfalfa hays. The purpose of these surveys is to examine the perennial peanut and/or alfalfa buying and production practices in Florida and South Georgia. Information gathered from this survey is hoped to direct future efforts in improving quality, availability and value of legume hays. With input from producers, brokers and customers, the end goal is to improve both supply and demand.

The second project will be to examine several commercial and experimental varieties of perennial peanut in North, Central and South Florida. The objective will be to compare characteristics of root systems, yield and durability in the differing environmental conditions and soil types found across Florida.



<http://nwdistrict.ifas.ufl.edu/phag/files/2016/07/Perennial-Peanut-Flower.png>