SPRING RANCHERS’ FORUM
Central Florida Livestock Agents’ Group
University of Florida IFAS Extension
Thursday, March 26, 2009
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

YARBOROUGH RANCHES
1355 Snow Hill Road, Geneva, FL

University Professors ~ On-Ranch Field Training
Field-Site Training

AGENDA

9:00  Arrival / Exhibitors Available
9:30  Welcome - Hosts: Dennis Mudge, CFLAG, IFAS
      Extension Agent, Orange & Seminole County;
      Imogene Yarborough, Yarborough Ranches
9:45  “Stubble Height Grazing”
10:15 “Soil Summer Annuals & Pasture Mgmt. Update”
11:00 “Spring Fertilization”
11:30 Conservation Trust
12:00 Steak Luncheon
12:45 “Hard to Control Weeds”
1:15  “Grazing Capacity”
1:30  “Haylage Opportunities”
1:45  “Tropical Soda Apple Control Update”
2:00 “FireWise on Your Farm”
2:15  “Fire Ant Control Update”
2:30 Evaluation

Pre-registration guarantees a steak lunch.
Registration Fee is $12.

Please contact your County Extension Office no later than Thursday, March 20 to make reservations.
Persons requiring special accommodations per the ADA should contact Dennis Mudge at least 48 hours
in advance of the program. Make check payable to CFLAG. Additional donations for give-aways are $5
each. Local accommodations and directions available upon registration.
For more information contact Ruth Howard at 407-254-9218.
Lake County presents

Hay Field Day
June 25, 2009

For more details and registration information call Martha Thomas at 352-343-4101

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April
- Plant warm season annual pastures.
- Plant corn for silage.
- Check and fill mineral feeder.
- Check dust bags or apply treated ear tags.
- Check for external parasites and treat if necessary.
- Observe cows for repeat breeders.
- De-worm cows as needed if not done in March.
- Vaccinate against blackleg and brucellosis after 3 months of age and before 12 months.
- Update market information and refine market strategy for calves.

May
- Remove bulls.
- Harvest hay from cool season pastures.
- Fertilize warm season pastures.
- Check mineral feeder.
- Check for spittlebugs and treat if necessary.
- Apply spot-on agents for grub and louse control.
- Check dust bags.
- Vaccinate and implant with growth stimulant any later calves.
- Re-implant calves with growth stimulant at 90-120 days when you have herd penned.
- Dispose of dead animals properly.
- Update market information and refine marketing plans.
- Remove bulls May 21 to end calving season March 1.

June
- Last date to plant sorghum.
- Check mineral feeder, use at least 8% phosphorus in mineral and not over 2 1/2 to 1 calcium to phosphorus ratio.
- Check pastures and hay field for spittlebugs, mole crickets, and army worms. Treat if necessary; best month for mole cricket control.
- Check dust bags.
- Watch for evidence of pinkeye and treat.
- Utilize available veterinary services and diagnostic laboratories.
- Get heifers vaccinated for brucellosis if not already done.
- Pregnancy check cows.
- Update market information and plans.
- Make first cutting of hay.
- Put bulls out June 1 for calves starting March 11.
- Re-implant calves at 90-120 days with growth stimulant.

58th Annual
Beef Cattle Short Course
April 29 - May 1, 2009

This program is presented by the Department of Animal Sciences, Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida and provides conference style learning in Gainesville. Visit the 2009 Florida Beef Cattle Short Course webpage for conference updates or to register online: http://www.animal.ufl.edu/extension/beef/short.shtml

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