Plan To Attend

The Orange County Cattlemen’s
Annual Membership Dinner
Saturday, April 26, 2003
T M Ranch
15520 T M Ranch Road
Orlando, Florida
4:30 Reception and presentations by Allied Exhibitors
5:00 Dinner

Don’t Miss Out!!

Spring Rancher’s Forum
a program by
The Central Florida Livestock Agents’ Group
8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Yarborough Ranch ~ 1355 Snow Hill Rd., Geneva, FL

~ University Professors ~ On-Ranch Field Demos ~ Field Site Training ~
8:45 am - “Summer Grasses”
10:00 am - “Managing Horses & Pastures”
10:45 am - “Using Sludge on Pastures”
12:45 am - “Invasive, Exotic Weed Identification (TSA):
The Tropical Soda Apple Crisis”
1:00 pm - “Using Herbicides to Control TSA”
2:00 pm - “Bio Control of TSA”

Reservations are required ~ $8.00 cost includes steak lunch
For more information contact your local UFL Livestock Agent or call
Dennis Mudge at 407-836-7570

Beef Cattle Short Course
“Staying Ahead of the Cattle Cycle”
Sheraton Hotel ~ Gainesville, FL
April 30 - May 3, 2003
This program is presented by the Department of Animal Sciences, Institute of
Food & Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida and provides confer-
ence style learning in Gainesville. Request a registration form for more infor-
mation, or visit http://www.animal.ufl.edu/extension/beef
Beef Cattle Management Calendar

**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

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**Web Sites of Interest to Agriculturalists**

- Central Florida Livestock Agents Group
  www.cflag.com
- UF – Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
  www.ifas.ufl.edu
- UF/IFAS Extension Service
  www.ifas.ufl.edu/www/extension/htm/ces.htm
- Agriculture Online
  www.agriculture.com
- South Florida Beef-Forage Group
  www.ifas.ufl.edu/~sfbfp/beef.html