



# *Jefferson Farm Advisor*

**Farm, Ranch, & Nursery Management in Jefferson County**

*Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Office*

*275 North Mulberry Street, Monticello FL 32344*

## Winter / Spring – January, 2002

The following events are scheduled in Jefferson County or at near-by sites. Contact us or visit the county website [ <http://jefferson.ifas.ufl.edu> ] for details.

- Arboriculture** Arboriculture Course. Instructor, Sam Hand. At the Green Industries Institute (former NFREC-Monticello), US 90 west of Monticello. Saturdays, Jan 12 through April 27, 9:00am-1:00pm. Students completing the course may sit for the IAS "Certification Arboriculturist" exam. Tuition: \$150 plus fees. Register through NFCC
- AgriTourism** Opportunities to diversify Your Farm through Agritourism. Live Oak/Suwannee County Coliseum, beginning at 9:00, January 17, 2002 (RSVP to 386-362-1725 by Jan 14)
- Watermelon Growers** Panhandle Watermelon and Other Cucurbit Grower Meeting, 4-9pm at the Jackson County Ag Center (US 90 west), Marianna. Tuesday January 22, 2002. 3 Pesticide CEUs for participants. For information, contact Jackson County Extension, 850-482-9620.
- Crop Disaster Program** Deadline for sign-up for 2000 Crop Disaster Program is January 18, 2002. Contact USDA-FSA for details of CDP.
- Master Gardener Class** We will sponsor a new class of Master Gardeners, beginning January 31, 2002. Classes will meet on Monday and Thursday evenings through mid-May, with a total of 50 hours of instruction. Master Gardeners are required to commit to 50 hours of volunteerism, particularly in horticulture education or service, but other areas such as leading 4-H activities also is encouraged. The 2002 class will include Madison and Taylor gardeners. If you are interested, contact us.
- Beginner Computer Classes** We will offer beginner classes for PC/Windows users each Wednesday afternoon, beginning Jan 30 and running through early March. Classes will last two hours in our 4-H computer lab. General file handling, Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Internet/Web use and Financial Recordkeeping will be introduced. Call the extension office to enroll.
- Cleansweep** Operation Cleansweep is coming to Jefferson County, Feb 5, 2002. FREE collection of out-of-date and other pesticides from commercial farms, golf courses and landscapers, nurseries and pest control operators. Site is Solid Waste / Recycling Center, US 19 and Waukeenah Street. Contact us or Scott Reid for details. Jefferson County has been designated as a collection site for Madison, Leon, Taylor and Wakulla Counties. [ see page 2 ]
- Certified Nursery Professionals** Florida Certified Nursery Professional. Instructor, Gale Allbritton. At the Green Industries Institute (former NFREC-Monticello), US 90 west of Monticello. Wednesdays, Feb 6 through April 24, 9:00am-1:00pm. Students completing the course may sit for the FCNP exam. Tuition: \$150 plus fees. Register through NFCC

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**County Extension Director**

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**Beef Conference** North West Florida Beef Conference and Trade Show at the Jackson County Ag Center (US 90 west), Marianna. Tuesday February 26, 2002. For information, contact Doug Mayo at the Jackson County Extension, 850-482-9620.

**Operations Cleansweep** provides farmers, nursery operators, golf course operators and pest control services a safe and cost effective way to dispose of their cancelled, suspended, and unusable pesticides (CSUP) at no cost. Proper disposal can be costly and a regulatory burden for small farmers and other pesticide users. Operation Cleansweep offers an opportunity to avoid these formidable barriers and to promote safe and environmentally sound pesticide use, handling and disposal.

This program is a **free collection** program. No questions will be asked. We want your pesticides, not your name.

Collection site in Jefferson County is the Solid Waste Management / Recycling Center at US19 and Waukeenah Road. Collection date is February 5, 2002; the contact person is Scott Reid at 342-0184. Or contact us at the County Extension Office, 342-0187

I will offer pesticide training on collection day, Feb. 5, for growers who need CEUs. We've scheduled one-hour units at 9am, 11am, and 2pm for CORE and at 10am, 1pm and 2pm for Private Applicator Ag on a drop-in basis. Anyone delivering pesticides for amnesty pick-up has the opportunity to get one credit in each category on a two-hour stay.

Extension Agents in Grady and Brooks Counties, Georgia, have announced the following meetings, and invite Jefferson County growers to attend. I am applying for Florida pesticide CEUs for these events.

Grady County (Georgia) Extension Service (65 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Cairo GA; 229-377-1312)			Brooks County (Georgia) Extension Service (Moultrie Hwy 33, Quitman GA; 229-263-4103)		
Jan 31	9:00 am	Risk Management	Jan 31	10:30 am	Vegetable Disease Seminar
Feb 1	Noon	Peanut Insect & Weed Control	Jan 31	Noon	Vegetable Sprayer Setup/Calibration
Feb 8	Noon	Vegetable Production, Disease & Weed Control/ Bromide Alternatives	Feb 4	7:00 pm	Aquaculture
Feb 1	Noon	Pecan Update (in Thomas County)	Feb 7	10:00 am	Cotton, Peanut, Vegetable Fertility
Feb 13	Noon	Nursery Production	Feb 8	11:00 am	Corn Grain/Silage
Feb 19	7:00 pm	Cotton Insect & Weed Control	Feb 11	7:00 pm	Cotton Physiology
Feb 21	Noon	Cotton Production & Economics	Feb 12	7:00 pm	Aerial Imagery Seminar
Feb 26	Noon	Peanut Production & Economics	Feb 18	7:00 pm	Cotton Physiology (continued)
Mar 14	7:00 pm	Aquaculture Alternatives	Feb 25	7:00 pm	Cotton Physiology (continued)
			Feb 28	5:30 pm	Peanut Production
			Feb 28	7:00 pm	Cotton Production
			May 11	8:30 am	Cotton Scouting

We must update our mailing lists. If you want to receive this newsletter, *Jefferson Farm Advisor*, from the County Extension Office, **fill out** the blocks below and **send** it to the Jefferson County Extension Service. Make sure we have your E-911 address and e-mail if you have one.

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New E911 Address			
City, State, Zip			
Phone		Cell or Truck Phone	