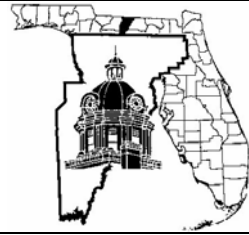




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Farm, Ranch, & Nursery Management in Jefferson County

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Spring/Summer – May, 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.

- Flowers & Gardens** Gardening portion of **Floriculture Field Day, May 8**, 1-5 pm. Garden and landscape speakers plus tour of trail gardens. Fifield Hall on the campus of University of Florida.
- Twilight Field Day** Annual **Twilight Field Day**, Live Oak SVREC, beginning at 4:30pm **May 9**. Reservations are due by May 3. See page 2 for details.
- Pond Management Workshop** Dr. Chuck Cichra will lead a workshop on **Managing Ponds for Fishing** in the late afternoon, **May 15**. John Dunlap of USDA APHIS Wildlife Service will talk about pond nuisances such as beavers and otters. Personnel from both Water Management Districts will briefly discuss permitting. See details on page 2.
- Pesticide Applicator Training** **CORE** Pesticide Applicator License training, May 28 from 2pm until 5pm. **Worker Protection Trainer** training, and **CORE Exam**, May 30 from 2pm until 5pm. Both at the Extension Office, and recertification CEUs for attendance.
- Corn Silage Field Day** **Corn Silage Field Day** at the UF-IFAS Dairy Unit, Hague (near Alachua), **June 6**. For more information, call Dr. Carrol Chambliss or Jerry Wasdin, 352-392-1811 (ext 212).
- Vegetables at QCY** Dr. Steve Olson announces a **Vegetable Field Day** at NFREC-Quincy, **June 6**, beginning at 8:45am and ending by noon. 3 CEUs are available. Tomatoes, peppers, melons; pests; irrigation
- Advanced Master Gardener** Annual **MG Field Day/Training** at Live Oak SVREC, **June 11**, beginning at 9:30, until 2pm. \$16 fee includes lunch. Registration materials available at the Extension Office.
- Weed Workshop** Dr. Joyce Tredaway-Ducar of UF Agronomy Department will present an update on **Weeds & Herbicides**, how they work, new products on the market, how to apply. **June 12**, 1:30-3:30pm at the Extension Office.
- Perennial Peanuts** Multi-State **Perennial Peanut Field Day**, Sunbelt Expo, Moultrie GA. **June 15**, 9am – 3pm.
- Trees Florida 2002** **Trees** Conference, Trade Show and Climbing Championship, Orlando, **June 22-25**. Contact us.
- Farm Risk Seminar** **Farming in the New Millennium**, sponsored by the Florida Farm Bureau Federation in partnership with the USDA Risk Management Agency, UF/IFAS and others, held at NFREC, Quincy **June 25**, focuses on minimizing farm risks.

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- Green Industries** New courses are offered, beginning in May at the Green Industries Institute. **Florida Certified Landscape Designer** (Tues & Wed, 9:00-4:00), **Plant Propagation** (Tues & Thurs, 9:00-noon), and **Nursery Production Practices** (Mon & Wed, 9:00-1:00). Register through NFCC (\$150.90 for each 3-hour course). Call Gale Allbritton, 997-4088.

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Twilight Field Day

A Twilight Field Day will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at the Suwannee Valley Research & Education Center - near Live Oak. The evening will feature tours, including: Hydroponic & Specialty Crops Production, Fruit & Nut Crops for North Florida, Methyl Bromide Alternatives, Integrated Water & Nutrient Management in Vegetables, Nutrient Management for Hay Crops, and Issues in Forestry Management. There also will be family and consumer programs conducted by area Extension Agents. Registration and a barbeque dinner begin at 4:30 p.m. followed by the tours from 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. Program cost is \$10.00 per person which includes the barbeque dinner. Reservations may be made by calling the Extension Office or directly with the Research Center at 386-362-1725 by **May 3, 2002**. Don't miss this opportunity to see the latest in recommended production practices.

Pond Management Workshop

Dr. Chuck Cichra, Pond Management and Recreational Fishing Specialist of the UF Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Department will be here, late afternoon of May 15 to answer a few questions, such as: What should I do to manage my pond, and when? How many fish of what types should I stock a pond, and from where? What should be my fishing "harvest" strategy? How much feed should I put out? How should I avoid or control weed problems? Will grass carp do the trick? How much algae is enough, and how do you get rid of the rest? ...and your questions. John Dunlap of the USDA APHIS Wildlife Service will address problem predators and other pond pests such as otters and beavers. Lance Laird, North West Florida and Louis Mantini, Suwannee River Water Management Districts will discuss requirements and regulations that may affect constructing a pond here. We'll start at the Extension Office in Monticello at 4:00 pm, and visit the Grubbs' Pond, Monica and Rodney Roberts' new pond, the lake at Bentley Nursery, ending up at the Bentley's Lake House. Pesticide Applicator recertification CEU has been applied for in Aquatic category.

Pesticide Applicator Training

A 3-hour class is scheduled to assist pesticide users in qualifying for a Restricted Applicator License. I'll review CORE information (required for all applicator categories) from 2pm until 5pm, Tuesday May 28 at the Extension Office. You may then take the exam anytime you feel ready, but we're scheduling the exam at 4pm May 30 for anyone to take it. Also, from 2-4pm, Thursday May 30, I'll hold a Train-the-Trainer class for non-licensed users so they can train employees in Worker Protection Standard. That training will also serve as a good refresher for license holders. The sessions will qualify for CEUs (most likely 3 Tuesday, 2 Thursday) in CORE.

Advanced Master Gardener Training

Advanced Master Gardener Training program is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2002 from 10am - 2pm at the North Florida Research & Education Center - Suwannee Valley near Live Oak. The program is open to all Master Gardeners and their spouses from across North Florida. The program will feature educational demonstrations and presentations on Fruits, Hydroponics, Watermelons, and Cantaloupes during the peak harvest season for these crops. Pre-Registration is required by all Master Gardeners through the Extension Office. Registration is \$8, (plus \$8 optional, for lunch). Contact us to ride in the county van.

Weeds and Herbicides

June 12, from 1:30-3:30, we'll host a workshop on Weed Management and Herbicide use. Dr. Joyce Tredaway-Ducar, Extension Weed Specialist will review Weed management strategies, Herbicide mode of action and effectiveness, new products available, and application methods. The workshop will include a demonstration of GPS-directed herbicide application. Two (2) CEUs have been applied for in the following categories: Private Applicator Ag, Right-of-Way, Forestry, Turf/Ornamentals, Tree Crops and Ag Row Crops.

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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