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PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING

We have set a series of training classes in January that will provide CEUs for renewal of licenses. The entire class should give anyone without a license, sufficient information to pass the exam. We offer Core credits, and credits in Private Applicator Ag, Row Crop, Turf and Ornamental, Forestry, and Tree Crop. Here's the agenda:

CORE 1 - Principles of Pest Control, Pesticide Labeling, Formulations, Federal & Florida Laws

Jan 5 Madison 7-9AM Madison County Extension Office

Jan 6 Monticello 7-9AM Jefferson County Extension Office

CORE 2 - The Label, PPE, Pesticides & Environment, Harmful Effects, Emergency Response

Jan 7 Madison 7-9AM Madison County Extension Office

Jan 8 Monticello 7-9AM Jefferson County Extension Office

CORE 3 - Pesticide Handling; Mix-Load-Apply; Transportation, Storage, Disposal & Clean-up

Jan 13 Madison 7-9AM Madison County Extension Office

Jan 14 Monticello 7-9AM Jefferson County Extension Office

Category 1 - Application Equipment, Equipment Calibration

Jan 5 Monticello 2-4PM Jefferson County Extension Office

Jan 6 Madison 2-4PM Madison County Extension Office

Category 2 - Equipment Calibration, Pesticide Arithmetic, Applying the Correct Amount

Jan 7 Monticello 2-4PM Jefferson County Extension Office

Jan 8 Madison 2-4PM Madison County Extension Office

Category 3 - Worker Protection Standard (Train-the-Trainer) - Light lunch offered

Jan 9 Greenville 11AM-1:30PM Public Library

Category 4 - Pests, Pest ID and Controls (Insect, Weed, Disease and Nematode)

Jan 15 Greenville 2-4PM Greenville Senior Citizens Center

Each session will award 2 CEUs. (up to 6 Core and 8 Category - Private Applicator Ag, Row Crop, Turf and Ornamental, Forestry, or Tree Crop) Check <http://safepesticideuse.com> for other training throughout Florida. Call the Extension Office to reserve bag-lunch for the Greenville session on January 9. Call either Madison County (973-4138) or Jefferson County (342-0187)

We will **NOT** hold local classes for Master Gardeners in 2004

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.

Pesticide Training	Training to assist farmers who need a license for restricted use pesticide application will be held the first two weeks of January. Coffee and doughnuts. 2 CEUs for each of the two-hour classes. (Core) The same classes will be held in Monticello and Madison on alternating days. See schedule on the back page of this newsletter.
Livestock Handling	Humane Care and Handling of Livestock, sponsored by UF/IFAS Veterinarians, the Humane Society, Florida Cattlemen, Florida Dairy Farmers, Farm Bureau and others will be held January 15-16 at the Florida Farm Bureau building, Gainesville. Registration forms available.
Cattlemen's Institute	The annual Florida Cattlemen's Institute and Trade Show will be held in Kissimmee, January 15, from 8:00 until 3:45 at Osceola Heritage Park in US 192.
Cucurbits	A Watermelon and other Cucurbits meeting will be held January 20 at the Washington County Ag Center, Chipley, 5:00-9:00pm, Central Time. Call or check the web for an agenda.
Ruminant Nutrition	The annual Ruminant Symposium will be January 22-23 at the Best Western Gateway in Gainesville. Early registration of \$55 is due by January 1.
Sustainable Agriculture	"The Practical Tools and Solutions for Sustaining Family Farms" conference will be hosted by the Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group on Jan 22-25, 2004, in Gainesville. Sessions on production, marketing, enterprise development, food systems and farm policy with field trips to area farms and a pre-conference school for organic growers. http://www.ssawg.org
County Landowners	Ag Landowners Meeting, hosted by Crenel Francis of NRCS, and by the Soil & Water Conservation District will be January 29, beginning at 7:00 at the Green Industries Institute, 3 mile west of the Courthouse on US 90. More details from SWCD soon.
Master Tree Farmer	The Master Tree Farmer Program is a regional, satellite-based program of Clemson and UF, designed to introduce landowners to many Southern forest management topics. Broadcasts are Tuesday evenings Feb 3 to Mar 16, 2004. Madison County Extension office is the closest downlink site. Contact Chris Demers at 352-846-2375 or Stan Rosenthal at 488-3004 to register.
Beef Cattle	The Marianna Beef Unit – NFREC, will host the Beef Cattle Field Day, March 25. Call Gary Hansen, 850-482-1243 or visit the county website for details.
Beef Short Course	53 rd Annual Beef Cattle Short Course, Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, Gainesville, May 5-7. For more information, http://www.animal.ufl.edu/extension/beef/2004BCSC.shtml .
Perennial Peanut	The 4 th Annual Perennial Peanut Field Day will be at Sunbelt Expo, Moultrie, GA, May 22
Corn Silage	Corn Silage Field Day, UF/IFAS Plant Sciences Center, Citra, May 27
Green Industries	New courses are offered at the Green Industries Institute: (Registration and Fees are required through NFCC). Call 997-4088, or visit the website http://www.greenindustries.org .

For Nurseries: The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service is conducting the Commercial Floriculture Survey and the Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey in Florida. The Florida Agricultural Statistics Service Office is conducting this survey in Florida using enumerators. If you are selected to participate in this survey, please respond by participating in the survey. Information on production and pest management practices - including chemical use - is needed to assure that reliable information is available to use in risk assessments currently being done by the Environmental Protection Agency for pesticide re-registrations. Decisions will be made with or without data. Informed decisions can be made when information is available that identifies current pest management practices and needs for nursery and floriculture crops. *from Norm Neshiem, IFAS Pesticide Information Office*

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