



Spring, 2004

The following events are scheduled in Jefferson County or at near-by sites. We have flyers describing the programs, and registration forms if necessary. **CEU** indicates events that offer Pesticide Recertification credits. Contact us or visit the county website <http://jefferson.ifas.ufl.edu> for details.

Grapes	CEU Springtime Considerations for Muscadine Grape Production. FAMU-REC, March 16, 9:00-noon, Quincy. Contact Alex Bolques, Gadsden County Extension, 875-7255
Pesticide Training	CEU Private Applicator Ag Pest Control Training in Gadsden County (March 18). Information for taking the Exam, or CEUs for recertification.
Wildlife Feeds	CEU Field tour of 13 different wildlife feed plots at Dixie Plantation, with presentations by Ann Blount, Jason Sellers and Andrea Van Loan, March 22. Begins at 4:30. See back of page.
Beef Cattle	The Marianna Beef Unit – NFREC, will host the Beef Cattle Field Day, March 25. Call Gary Hansen, 850-482-1243.
Pond Management	CEU Thomas County Extension will host a Pond Management School, April 1, beginning at 6 pm. Contact Byron Rhodes, 229-225-4130
Beef Short Course	53 rd Beef Cattle Short Course, Hilton UF Conference Center, Gainesville, May 5-7. We will mail the flyer for the Short Course soon.
Forest Stewardship	CFE <i>Natural Stand Management Workshop</i> , Jackson County Extension Office in Marianna, May 21, at 8:00 am Central; call 850-482-9620 to register. <i>Invasive Exotic Plants and Their Control</i> , Liberty County Extension Office in Bristol, July 16; sign in at 3:00 pm Central; call 850-643-2229 to register. CFEs available for foresters; fees to cover lunch and breaks. Contact Chris Demers at 352-846-2375.
Perennial Peanut	CEU The 4 th Annual Perennial Peanut Field Day will be at Sunbelt Expo, Moultrie, GA, May 22.
Hay Field Day	CEU Hay and Forage Field Day at WFREC/Jay, May 22 (rain day May 29); 8:30-3:30 (Central)
Corn Silage	CEU Corn Silage Field Day, UF/IFAS Plant Science Unit, Citra (5 mi west of US 441 on CR318), May 27, beginning at 8:00

The Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) provides temperature, rainfall and other weather data on the internet, reported by 15 minute intervals. A FAWN tower has been erected at Green Industries Institute, the former site of the IFAS North Florida Research & Education Center, US 90, 3 miles west of Monticello and the former site of the NWS weather station. The tower is now functional through North Florida Community College. Get FAWN by clicking on the front page of the Jefferson County site (<http://co.jefferson.fl.us>) or the County Extension site (<http://jefferson.ifas.ufl.edu>). A new feature of FAWN is the Accumulated Chill Calculator which shows that Monticello had 821 hours of chill (temperatures below 45°F between Nov 1, 2003 and Feb 15, 2004). This is higher than the long-term average of 700 hours.

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Wildlife Feed Plots & Habitat Management Field Day

Dixie Plantation – Ashville, Florida
Monday, March 22, 2004 – 4:30pm

Following a tour to observe plots, we'll have the following presentations:

Selecting Varieties and Blend Selections

Dr. Ann Blount, Forage Specialist, UF/IFAS, NFREC-Marianna

Managing Habitat to Enhance Wildlife

Jason Sellers, The Wildlife Company, Southern Forestry Consultants

Recognizing and Controlling Invasive Exotic Plants

Andrea Van Loan, FDACS Division of Forestry, Gainesville

Call Joann Demott at 342-0187 to register (sorry, no supper)

Plots of 13 forages:

- Imperial Whitetail Clover
- Imperial Whitetail Alfa-Rack
- Green Patch
- Clover Plus Seed Mix
- Buck Forage Oats (Ark 833)
- Supreme Southeastern Mixture
- UF–Triple Treat
- Deer Greens
- Max-Attract 50-50
- Sportsman Blend
- Horizon 474 Oats
- Horizon 321 Oats
- Tex Perfect 10

Pasture Weed Management

Control Spring Weeds in Hay Fields

Broadleaf weeds in first cutting hay can be a problem. Burning at or just before green-up will control many spring weed seedlings. If burning is not possible, a timely application of herbicide can be made. Banvel, 2,4-D, or a combination of the two are available for grass hay fields. Banvel (dicamba) at 0.25 lbs ai plus 2,4-D at 0.75 lbs ai per acre usually gives better control than either herbicide used alone. Annual weeds should be treated soon after emergence. Perennial weeds (such as dogfennel) should have a leaf surface large enough for spray coverage (about 12"-18" tall). These herbicides can drift causing damage to nearby crops. Follow the Florida Organo-Auxin Rule. (Chambliss)

Plateau Herbicide: Removal from Service

Hay and forage producers in Florida have struggled for years to control grasses and sedges. With the introduction of the herbicide Plateau, producers could control many troublesome grass and broadleaf weeds in bermudagrass and bahiagrass with postemergence applications. A statement released in January, 2004 by

BASF states that Plateau will no longer be sold for weed control in forages. It will be sold exclusively for use on highway rights-of-ways. Remaining stocks can be sold legally in 2004 until supplies are exhausted. (Ferrel)

Diuron on Sprigged Bermudagrass

New Extension Weed Specialist Dr. Jay Ferrel reports that certain trade names of diuron are labeled for use at the time of sprigging forage bermudagrass. Products and manufacturers with labels permitting use of diuron on newly sprigged bermudagrass include Direx 4L (Griffin Chemical), Diuron 80 and 4L (Drexel) and Diuron 4L (Agrilience). Not all brand names of diuron (for example, Karmex) are labeled for this use. Labeled diuron should be applied immediately after sprigging before weeds emerge. Bermuda sprigs should be planted 2 inches deep to lessen chance of injury. Emerged bermuda at the time of treatment may be temporarily injured. Do not graze or feed for 70 days after application. Diuron is not labeled in established bermudagrass. Check label rates. Preemergence applications of diuron provide fair to good control of crabgrass, crowfootgrass and goosegrass. It may provide residual control of certain annual broadleaf weeds. (Ferrel)

