



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.

Primary Election	Vote! Election returns will be posted at http://jefferson.ifas.ufl.edu/election .
Pecan Field Day	CEU The 2004 Pecan Field Day and annual meeting of the Florida Pecan Growers' Association will be at the Columbia County Extension Office, September 2. See page 2.
Hunter Safety Course	Sixteen-hour course on ethics, wildlife management, and safe hunting practices will be hosted by Wakulla County Extension, Crawfordville, Sept. 13-16, 6-9pm. Register at http://www.floridaconservation.org/huntered . To contact Hunter Safety call Marion Barnes at 850-265-3676. For more information, contact Dale Bennett at 850-926-3931.
Farm Bureau	The Jefferson County Farm Bureau holds its annual meeting, Sept 14 at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Sept. 14, 7pm. RSVP by Sept 10, 997-2213.
Perennial Peanut Field Day	CEU Field Tour of perennial peanut research plots featuring weed control and fertilization trials and presentations by UF Specialists and County Agents. Sept. 15, 2-5pm at the NFREC Beef Research Unit, Greenwood. CEU's have been applied for. A sponsored meal will also be provided. Please RSVP to the Jackson County Extension Office by Monday, September 13 at 850-482-9620 or demayo@ifas.ufl.edu.
Small Farm Field Day	Sept. 16, 8am-2pm at the FAMU REC, Hwy 267 North of Quincy. Demonstrations on fruit and vegetable specialty crops, small livestock, agro-forestry, nutrition and health topics, value-added products and marketing. Registration includes lunch, \$5.00 adults and \$3.00 children. For information, go to the website http://gadsden.ifas.ufl.edu .
FNREC-Quincy Field Day	CEU This year's UF/IFAS NFREC Fall Field Day has been scheduled for Thursday, October 7, at the Research Center in Quincy (Hwy 246 at I-10 exit). As in years past, participants will have a choice of commodity tours, vegetable, forestry, and ornamentals that they would like to attend as well as poster exhibits.
Ag Expo	Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition (Ag Expo) will run Tuesday through Thursday, Oct 19-21 at Spence Field, Moultrie. Schedule of events at http://www.sunbeltexpo.com/ .
North Florida Fair	The 63 rd Annual North Florida Fair is scheduled to open Thursday afternoon, Nov. 4, and run through Sunday, Nov 14. For information about the fair, including daily schedules, visit http://www.northfloridafair.com/ .
W Florida Dairy Production Conf	Nov. 4, 10am - 1pm (Central) at the Washington County Ag Center. For information, contact Kimberly Carter at (850)638-6180 or kcarter@ifas.ufl.edu .
Live Oak Field Day	CEU The Fall Workshop at the Suwannee Valley REC - Live Oak is scheduled for November 10. We'll post an agenda on the Calendar page of our website, soon.
Longleaf Pine Groundcover	Tri-State Longleaf Pine Groundcover Restoration Symposium, Nov 16-17, UF/IFAS NFREC-Quincy. Begins with a field trip to Apalachicola Bluffs, Bristol. Forestry CEUs approved, Pesticide CEUs pending.

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visit the *UF/IFAS Extension Calendar of Events*

<http://calendar.ifas.ufl.edu>

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Aucilla Area Hay Contest

- All entries will automatically be entered in Tri State Hay Show
- Tri-State Hay Show rules will apply to Aucilla Area contest.
- A second "grab sample" will be required for display purposes at the Aucilla Area Contest
- Only hay grown and harvested in Jefferson and Madison Counties will be eligible to compete in the Aucilla Area Contest

For more information, contact:
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County Extension Agents and Forage Specialists from the Land Grant Universities in Alabama, Florida and Georgia in conjunction with the Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition have organized the 2004 **Tri-State Hay Show**.

For a fee of \$10, hay producers from have an opportunity to gain information about the quality of the hay they produce and to compete for recognition as the top hay producer in three states. Local (Jefferson and Madison County) winners will also be recognized.

The first part of this show will be the forage quality competition. The second part will be educational seminars held during the Sunbelt Ag. Expo in Moultrie, GA on hay and forage quality. Hay entries will be on display at the Sunbelt Ag. Expo October 19-21, 2004.

The forage quality contest will have eight categories (ex. Bermudagrass, Alfalfa, Perennial Peanut, or Grass legume mix) that should cover most of the forages grown in the southeast United States. *Only dry hay samples will be accepted.* Haylage entries will not be accepted due to storage difficulties. Hay will be judged based on a Relative Forage Quality (RFQ) index, which takes into account protein, energy and fiber digestibility.

The contest is open to any hay producer in Alabama, Florida or Georgia that would like to enter, but the producer who actually grew the hay must submit the entry. Hay samples, entry fees (\$10 per sample), and an entry form must be submitted no later than September 20th 2004. For more information, contact me, or visit the Internet site at <http://www.georgiaforages.com>. As part of the Tri-State program, Kevin Campbell of Madison County and I offer local hay producers the Aucilla Area Hay Contest.

**Contact me for a full description of the Contest, and for the Entry Form.
 Call me (342-0187) soon to take your quality and "grab" samples BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15.**

Tropical Soda Apple



We first identified Tropical Soda Apple in Jefferson County in 1995. Many sites where we observed it have been cleaned up, while it has been spread to other pastures.

Sonny Story of the Florida Department of Agriculture is now surveying the panhandle, from Jacksonville to Pensacola to determine the extent of TSA infestation. Pastures represented by dots on the county map have sparse-to-heavy levels of TSA. Call me if you think you have this weed.

I will seek cost-share funding through the EQIP program of the USDA NRCS the next time local priorities are set and funds are made available. In the meantime, on the following two pages, I have reprinted an EDIS publication on TSA control. Call if you need more information.



