



Jefferson Farm Advisor

Farm, Ranch, & Nursery Management in Jefferson County

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The following events are scheduled in Jefferson County or at near-by sites. Contact us for details. **CEU** is for events that offer Pesticide Recertification credits. Go to extension calendar <http://calendar.ifas.ufl.edu>.

CEU Classes for taking Pesticide Exams: **CORE, Private Applicator and Right-of-Way**. Beginning Monday, May 14 each Monday afternoon through June 11. **See article below**

CEU Pest Management Update for Nurseries. Thursday, May 24, 8:00-noon at NFREC-Quincy. For details, call us or contact Alex Bolques, Gadsden County Extension Agent, 850-875-7255. Dr. Russ Mizell (UF/IFAS Entomologist) and Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward (UGa Pathologist) are featured speakers.

The **Annual Beef Cattle/Forage Field Day** at the UF/IFAS NFREC Beef Unit in Marianna will be held Tuesday, June 5. The field day will begin at 8:00am (CDT). Lunch and refreshments provided with a registration fee of \$10. The field day includes feed efficiency research, pasture weed control and alternative fertilization, mineral supplementation, cull cow marketing, by-product feeds, forage studies, and pasture mole cricket control. For additional information call (850) 482-9904.

CEU Vegetable Field Day at NFREC-Quincy is June 7. The day is an information-packed event designed to provide hands-on educational experiences and research results to farmers and growers. Registration postmarked by May 24 is \$10.00. Registration after May 24 is \$15. Contact 850-875-7100.

CEU Perennial Peanut Producers Field Day will be held at Spence Field/Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie GA, Saturday, June 9, 2007

CEU Keep the date open for a Deer & Turkey Shortcourse, Oct 4-5

Training for Users of Restricted Pesticides

Jefferson County Extension office will offer pesticide use classes leading to examination or to renewal of pesticide licenses. Classes will be held each of five Monday afternoons, beginning May 14 from 2:30pm until 4:30 pm at the Extension office. The purpose of the afternoon classes is to assist users in preparing for the exam. May 14 and 21 will cover the **CORE** information. May 28 and June 4 classes will deal with **Private Applicator Ag Pest Control** category. The June 11 class will be for people applying pesticides to highway **Right-of-Way** sites.

Pesticides are classified as “restricted” or “non-restricted.” Restricted pesticides require a license for purchase and use. The license is issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture under guidelines by the US EPA. To receive a license, a pesticide user must pass two exams: one for general standards (CORE), and another related to the nature of the pesticide use. Most farmers, nurserymen and ranchers need the “Private Applicator Ag” category. Licenses are valid for four years. To renew, a license holder may take the exams again, or qualify by earning continuing education credits. Users who already have a license may receive up to two CEUs for each afternoon in the appropriate type or category.

Contact the Extension office at 342-0187 to register for the class or to get more information.