



Alternative Farm Enterprise Conference

This introduction to small farming is one of a series presented by UF/IFAS and FAMU Extension across Florida. It will be held at the North Florida Research & Education Center, Quincy, Saturday, August 26 beginning at 9:00 a.m. (Hwy 267, NW corner of intersection with I-10)

A wide range of agricultural topics will be covered at the Conference, including "Considerations for Choosing an Alternative Enterprise" and "Market Options: Entering the Market Place." Attendees will also be able to choose four break-out sessions on how to get started in an alternative farm enterprise, including beef production, goat production, fruit production, aquaculture and more.

The Conference is designed to provide hands-on learning and useful information to current and potential small farmers who are interested in exploring alternative enterprises.

Alex Bolques, FAMU extension agent in Gadsden County and faculty of the Small Farms center at Suwannee Valley REC/Live Oak are leading the day-long workshop.

The registration fee is \$5 and pre-registration is required by August 21, 2006. Contact us in the Jefferson County Extension office at 342-0187 for registration details.

Morning General Session:

- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:10 Overview of Small Farms in Florida and Introduction to the Small Farms /Alternative Enterprises Website < <http://smallfarms.ifas.ufl.edu> >
- 9:40 Considerations for Choosing an Alternative Enterprise
- 10:10 Market Options: Entering the Market Place
- 11:00 Marketing Panel Discussion
- 12:00 LUNCH

Afternoon Alternative Enterprise Break-out Sessions:

- 1:00 – 1:45 Vegetable and Organic Production (room A)
Meat Goat Production and Management (room B)
Current Status of Aquaculture Training and Education in North Florida (Room C)
- 1:45 – 2:30 Fruit Production (room A)
Beef Production (room B)
Forage/Hay Production (room C)
- 2:30 – 2:45 BREAK
- 2:45 – 3:30 Vegetable and Organic Production (room A)
Meat Goat Production and Management (room B)
Overview of Wildflower Seed Production (room C)
- 3:30 – 4:15 Fruit Production (room A)
Beef Production (room B)
Alternative Land Uses/Recreation (room C)
- 4:15 Program Evaluation and Conclusion

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