

Extension Comings and Goings
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- **Extension Symposium Update**
May 15, 2006 - State Faculty
May 16-18, 2006 - County/State Faculty
There is one month left to register for the Extension Symposium. This is a great opportunity for learning, sharing and developing relationships. Please visit the following website to register no later than May 1, 2006.
<http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu/>

- The 2006 Tenure, Permanent Status, and Promotion Workshop schedule can be viewed at http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu/TPSPSchedule_2006.pdf If you have any questions regarding the workshops, please call the IFAS Office of Human Resources at 352-392-4777.

- **Call for Professional Development Proposals: FY 2006-2007**
Professional Development of State and County Faculty is a high priority for Florida Extension. We will once again be utilizing the grant proposal format for solicitation of in-service proposals. There will be two-types of proposals considered:
 1. The first type of proposal is for in-service training to be conducted during the 2007 Extension Symposium. The dates for our 2007 Extension Symposium will be set in the near future. It will be scheduled for late spring, attempting to avoid as many conflicts as possible. During the Symposium there will be training opportunities for State Specialists and County Faculty. The time frame is 3-hour blocks. We will likely be meeting at the Hilton but facilities on campus may also

be utilized for hands-on training. You may request more than one block of time, however, it is not guaranteed. Cross-cutting issues that reach a broader faculty audience are encouraged.

2. Traditional stand-alone in-service training proposals (0.5 days to 3 days) as have been solicited in the past.

Budgets for both types of proposals should include materials and travel for outside speakers. Please indicate how many county faculty you would anticipate attending the in-service. From this we will estimate the travel dollars for county faculty (you do not need to include travel in your proposal).

As a team leader, we ask that you and your team request input and ideas for training from state and county faculty as well as proposals. We encourage innovative use of technology or cost-effective training. We also recognize the value in longer term, multi-year, multi-disciplinary, multi-state, and/or integrated programs. If proposals can be combined (more than 1 goal or focus team) to enhance training and broaden its intended audience, please consider submitting it for the Extension Symposium. Submit proposals to the Program Leader for the respective Goal Area by the April 14 deadline.

We will be contacting unit leaders asking them to encourage their faculty to communicate with the focus and goal team leaders about in-service and submit proposals to the goal team leaders. The goal and focus team leaders and membership lists are available through PDEC at this website:

<http://pdec.ifas.ufl.edu/hierarchy/>

Schedule for In-Service Training Proposals, Review and Notification Fiscal Year 2006-2007

March 3, 2006 - Call for proposals to Goal Areas, Focus Teams, Unit Leaders, and Faculty; sent out by Extension Administration. The call includes both traditional (stand-alone) and symposium in-service offerings. All proposals must be submitted through the appropriate Goal Area and Focus Team Leaders.

April 14, 2006 - Deadline for proposal submission by Goal Area and Focus Team Leaders to respective Program Leaders.

April 14 - May 5, 2006 - Review and ranking of all proposals submissions by Program Leaders. Program Leaders meet to discuss in-service proposals and symposium offerings.

May 5, 2006 - Program Leaders submit rankings of proposals (in 2 categories: stand alone in-services and symposium offerings) and submit proposals to PDEC.

May 12, 2006 - Program Leaders meet to discuss and prioritize all proposals.

May 26, 2006 - Program Leaders meet to decide on offerings for 2007 Extension Symposium; Final Decisions on traditional in-services made based on preliminary budget from legislature as to money available for professional development.

June 9, 2006 - Faculty and teams notified by Program Leaders about in-service proposals; approved stand-alone in-service proposals provided to DED office. DED office adds program codes to each and then sends to PDEC for posting on IST site.

June 23, 2006 - Traditional in-service proposals posted on IST registration site.

June 23, 2006 - Letter sent to County Faculty to sign-up for traditional in-service offerings. IST signup open to County Faculty for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

June 26, 2006 - Program Leaders meet to compile list of 2007 symposium offerings.

July 18, 2006 - Program Leaders and DEDs meet to review and compile complete set of symposium offerings.

July 21, 2006 - Listing of potential symposium offerings sent to faculty for prioritization; deadline for faculty to respond is August.

August 17, 2006 - Program Leaders meet to finalize 2007 Extension Symposium offerings.

September 8, 2006 - 2007 Extension Symposium offerings posted on IST for sign-up.

- **Professional Development Mini Grants for Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

This is a friendly reminder to let you know that the Professional Development Mini Grants for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 are due April 3, 2006. This is a great opportunity to receive funding that will help you achieve your professional goals. We encourage you to apply today!

- **Goal Area Leader Retreat on April 3rd**

The Goal Area and Focus Team Retreat will be held on Monday, April 3 at Austin Carey Lodge from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

We are looking forward to bringing together all of the key leaders for our Goal Area and Focus Teams. We see this as a great opportunity to share with and learn from one another. As we developed the agenda, we wanted to ensure shared governance, so there are plenty of opportunities throughout the day for open dialogue and discussion. In addition, we want to ensure that we use this opportunity to use this as a first step in moving forward. So one of our goals is that we come up with some action plans and people who'd like to take active roles in the topics we'll be discussing.

If you have not yet registered for the retreat, please do so by March 29, so that we'll have an accurate meal count. You can register at this website: <http://pdec.ifas.ufl.edu/foci/registration.aspx>. If you cannot attend, we'd also like for you to let us know, and if you have a replacement. There are also directions to Austin Carey Lodge at this website.

Thanks on behalf of the planning committee. Feel free to contact Nick Place if you have any questions (352-392-0502, ext. 227; NPlace@ifas.ufl.edu).

- **State/County Experience**

My name is Cheryl Mackowiak and I am a soil and water quality specialist located at the North Florida REC in Quincy, FL. Last summer I was invited to

participate in a pilot program for new state faculty to increase interaction with county faculty. The State-County Experience Program provided an opportunity to defray travel costs to visit with two CEDs in my region (the Panhandle). This was a nice opportunity, if for no other reason, we were committed to take time out of our busy schedules and arrange on-farm visits to see what issues are affecting row crop and forage producers.

Shep Eubanks (CED, Holmes County) took me out to see some fabulous annual ryegrass and to troubleshoot a bermudagrass field. We also talked with a producer on what was ailing him with his annual peanut production. Gerald Edmondson (CED, Okaloosa County) took me to visit a beef producer who has periodically used poultry litter for pasture fertilization. Another producer we visited had an interest in how to incorporate soil surveys and precision agriculture to better manage the soil fertility of his various land holdings.

An underlying theme that tied the visits together was the concern producers had about sky rocketing fertilizer costs. Fertilizing with organic waste, such as poultry litter, manures, and Class-A biosolids might be an attractive option to these and other producers in the area and state. Picking the best fertilizer option for any given farming system requires information on the various organic waste products and uses. This program helped confirm the need for a web page devoted to soil fertilizer options; in particular, how organic wastes may be useful to producers. Over the next few months, I will work with Shep and Gerald to develop such a web page. Since this is a topic that concerns counties across the state, I encourage any county faculty who would like to contribute with information or in the development of such a site, to contact me at the NFREC, Quincy office by phone (850-875-7126) or email (echo13@ufl.edu).

- **Alternative Crops Research and Incubator Manager Hired By Santa Rosa County**

William Wendt began work in November, 2005. This 12 month contract position manages the Alternative Crop Research and Incubator Program the West Florida Research and Education Farm. His primary responsibility is work with University of Florida and UF/IFAS personnel to design and implement a producer focused alternative crop demonstration program. The program will be conducted primarily on site at the Research and Education Center and will include crop selection, production, harvesting and the development of value-added products for local crops. The position will require Extension interaction

and cooperation with area farmers. Other responsibilities include working with UF, UF/IFAS and the TEAM Santa Rosa Economic Development Council to develop markets for crops.

This position was made possible through a unique funding arrangement. It was funded by the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners and County Economic Development Council through the TEAM Santa Rosa Agri-business Committee.

- **Bill Mahan**, CED in Franklin County, hosted a visit by a five-member delegation of Irish "Charter Boat/Community Development" people and **Dr. Mark Brennan**, UF/IFAS Community Development Specialist, on February 26-28. The group met with local officials, business leaders, and St. Joe Land Development representatives to discuss strategies to plan for and control explosive development and tourism, in historically small, rural, coastal water-dependant communities, which are now transitioning into tourism and real estate based economies.
- FCS agents participated in the Florida and Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, March 23-25 in Tallahassee. This association is for university professors, secondary teachers, and extension agents. This was the first joint meeting between the two state affiliates. Agents on the planning committee were Judy Corbus (Co-chair for planning), Diann Douglas, Heidi Copeland, Debbie Humphries, Michelle Adamski, Betty Miller, Jo Shuford-Law, Elizabeth Gorimani, Joan Elmore, and Marjorie Moore. Don Bower, Extension Specialist in GA and current President of the national affiliate AAFCS was the keynote speaker.
- Jackson, Liberty, and Calhoun County 4-H recently received a grant from the Florida Foundation for Responsible Angling (FFRA) to create a 4-H Sportsfishing Trailer. The trailer will be outfitted with everything needed to conduct environmental programs focusing on aquatic education, including fishing poles, nets, an enviroscape, microscopes, and much more. The trailer will be used to conduct sportsfishing camps and family fishing days, and will be available to all the counties in the Northwest District.
- The 4-H Youth Development Program's "exceptional service" to children, youth and families of military personnel around the world has been recognized with a

Department of Defense Certificate of Commendation personally signed by Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Dr. Joy Jordan, Extension Specialist in FYCS and state 4-H military liaison, was presented with a framed copy of the certificate of commendation with a personalized message on the back.

- Our Extension Family is growing with new faculty. Please welcome the following new hires:
Adam Cletzer - Indian River - 4-H - 3/24/06
Ivette Bayon - Miami-Dade - Ctsy EA I - 3/24/06
- Resignations: We want to wish the following individuals the best of luck in their endeavors:
Jason Chandler - Suwannee County - EA I 4-H/Comm. Devel. - 3/23/06

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