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Florida Animal Identification Program

“Safeguarding Animal Health, Public Safety and Market Access”

From: Charles H. Bronson Commissioner of Agriculture

I am pleased to report on the progress that Florida is making in the development of a voluntary premises and animal identification system. I would like to encourage your input and participation.

Florida is fortunate to have received funding from the United States Department of Agriculture to implement a premises identification system and to begin working with producers and industry groups on pilot animal identification projects. The National Animal Identification System is being implemented on a voluntary basis by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. We have received and incorporated valuable input from industry stakeholders in developing the Florida program. We will continue to work with producers, stakeholders, industry leaders and private technology companies to develop practical approaches to meeting the animal health and animal movement challenges of today's global marketplace.

Identification of premises and animals in marketing channels will greatly increase our ability to identify and quickly contain foreign or emergency animal diseases. This program could be extremely important in helping to limit disease spread, reduce production losses, and maintain access to domestic and international markets. Only basic information is needed to protect your livestock and your markets. We are committed to maintaining a program which is technology neutral to
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Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training Program

Location
Marion County Agriculture Center
&
Southeastern Livestock Pavilion

Date
June 8 – 10th, 2005

Instructors
Dr. Tomas Gimenez, Clemson University
Dr. Rebecca Gimenez, Clemson University

Program Description
The University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine and Marion County Extension Service presents Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training program.

This course is designed for emergency first responders, fire/rescue personnel, veterinarians, farm managers and horse enthusiasts. The program consists of classroom and hands-on training in large animal rescue operations. Lunch and manual will be provided.

Driving Directions
Traveling South on 301-US 441, Exit onto 200A (alt 301) heading East. Pass Magnolia Avenue on your right and pass the Livestock Pavilion on your left. The next building to the left is the Extension Office. It is a beige, one-story, brick building. The address is 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala, FL 34470.

The program agenda and registration information is on page two.

Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training Program

DAY 1

Morning classroom session 8:00-12:00

- Introduction
- Review of the senses of the horse under stress
- Behavioral characteristics of other large animals in stressful environments
- Cattle, swine, llama, ostrich, emu.
- Approach and equipment for restraint and/or containment
- The Incident Command System, purpose and structure in large animal rescue.
- Position, timing, communication
- The horse owner
- The large animal veterinarian
- Use of sedatives/tranquilizers in rescue
- Chemical restraint/capture

Afternoon Session 1:00-4:00 pm.

- Basics of rescue ropes & knots for large animals
- Containment of large animals
- Emergency rope halter
- Approach and restraint.
- Forward assist
- Backwards drag
- Placement of leg ropes/hobbles
- Cast animals

DAY 2

Morning classroom session 8:00-12:00

- The law enforcement officer
- Legal aspects
- Humane destruction
- Trailers, types, configurations and construction.
- Trailer accidents and rescue
- Rescue from horse barn fires

Afternoon Session 1:00-3:00 pm.

- Rope systems Z-Rig, 9:1
- Do's and don'ts of winches

- Trailer Uprighting
- Vertical lift (non-helicopter)
- Mud rescue

Night Search and Rescue Operation
(2-3 hours) starting after sunset

DAY 3

Morning classroom session 8:00-12:00

- Use of helicopters in large animal rescue
- Large animal water rescue/Equine Flotation Device
- Presentation of actual incidents with class participation.

Afternoon Session 1:00-3:00

- Mud rescue
- Airlift rescue

Registration information

Fee for participants: \$225

Fee for auditors: \$150

The group will be divided into those that want to participate in the hands-on portion (and earn a certificate), and those that want only to observe (audit).

All attendants will need to sign a liability waiver statement and have protective headgear (helmet, hard hat) and gloves.

This will be a first come, first served basis and will require your registration and payment. Deadline to register is May 31, 2005. To register please send name, address, city, state and zip code. Please make your check or money order payable to University of Florida and mail to:

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Large Animal Clinical Sciences
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Florida Animal Identification Program

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enable producers to choose the technology systems best suited for their operation.

The FDACS, Division of Animal Industry is currently registering cattle premises into the National Animal Identification System. By registering, ranchers receive an account within the system and a premises ID for the property their cattle are marketed from. As a cattle producer, I've already registered my ranch and received a premises identification number. Members of the FCA Executive Committee and many other leaders have also registered. It only takes minutes to apply and it puts our industry at the forefront of this national effort. I urge you to register today via phone or to

request an application by calling Dr. Ashby Green or Mr. Stephen Monroe at (850) 410-0900, or contacting them via email (greeng@doacs.state.fl.us or monroes@doacs.state.fl.us).

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments by calling (850) 410-0900.

We look forward to working with you on behalf of Florida Agriculture and those who depend on a safe, abundant and affordable food supply.

Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
CHARLES H. BRONSON, Commissioner The Capitol.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800

Maintaining Quality Production in a Dynamic Market Place

Celebrating the Fifty-third Annual Beef Cattle Short Course

May 4-6, 2005

Hilton UF Conference Center, Gainesville, FL

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11:00 am Registration (Hilton UF Conference Center)

National and Global Implications of Florida Beef Production

1:00 pm **Welcome** - *Dr. Jimmy Cheek*

1:15 pm **Remarks** - *Mike Milicevic*, President, FCA

1:30 pm **Market Outlook for 2005** - *John Lawrence*, Iowa
Beef Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

2:15 pm **International Trade of Beef and Beef Products** -
Paul Clayton, U.S. Meat Export Federation, Denver, CO

3:00 pm **Refreshment Break**

3:20 pm **Total Quality Management a Perspective From
Outside the Beef Industry** - *Mike Frihart*, Bama Company,
Tulsa, OK

4:15 pm **Beef and the Consumer: Trends, Expectations,
and Demands** - *Molly McAdams*, Fresh Product
Development & Fresh Own Brand, HEB Grocery Company,
San Antonio, TX

5:00 pm **Allied Industry Trade Show and Reception** -
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7:00 am **Improved Herd Health Through Nutrition** -
*Breakfast Sponsored by Lakeland Animal Nutrition
and Alltech, Inc.*

8:30 am **Genomics - Building Blocks of the Product /
Effect on the Beef Product** - *Ronnie Green*, Food Animal
Production, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD

9:15 am **Nutrition - What You Feed Really Does Matter** -
Robbi Pritchard, Department of Animal and Range
Sciences, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

10:00 am **Refreshment Break**

10:20 am **Health and Stress - Preparation Prevents Poor
Performance** - *Max Irsik*, College of Veterinary Medicine,
UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL

11:15 pm **Panel Discussion/Response to Questions
Concerning Factors Affecting Beef Quality**

- *Ronnie Green* - National Program Leader, Food Animal
Production, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD

- *Robbi Pritchard* - Professor, Ruminant Nutrition,
Department of Animal and Range Sciences, South Dakota
State University

- *Max Irsik* - UF/IFAS Extension Veterinarian,

12:00 pm **Leave for Lunch at UF/IFAS Horse Teaching
Unit (Sponsored by Farm Credit of North Florida)**

1:30 pm **Demonstration and Discussion**

Working with horses and cattle in today's ranch
environment. Topics will include: Low stress cattle handling,
Starting horses on cattle, Ranch horse safety, and Increasing
ranch horse value

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- *Buster McLaury*

3:30 pm **Break**

4:00 pm **Cattle Handling with Dogs** - *Arnie Sarlo* and
David

Millburn, Babcock Cattle Co., Punta Gorda, FL

5:00 pm **Cow Horse Care and Maintenance** - *Lori Warren*
and *Ed Johnson*; Department of Animal Sciences,

UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL and *Dana Zimmer*, Large

Animal Clinical Sciences, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL

6:30 pm **Cattlemen's Steak-Out** (Horse Teaching Unit)

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**Grass, Fertilizer, and Management: Grazing Issues
Affecting the Florida Cow Herd**

8:30 am **Florida Pasture Management for Beef Cattle
Production** - *Jack Rechcigl*, Gulf Coast REC, UF/IFAS,
Bradenton, FL

9:15 am **Pasture pH and Liming Issues Affecting Forage
Yield** - *Martin Adjei*, Range Cattle REC, UF/IFAS, Ona, FL

9:30 am **Refreshment Break**

9:45 am **Breakout Sessions**

Each session will have a program designed to meet
the needs of cattlemen in the designated area. Specific
fertilizer, grass, and management systems
recommendations will be presented and
discussed by extension professionals in these areas.

1. Northwest Florida

2. Central Florida

3. South Florida

4. Ranchette - Small Farm-Introductory Producer

11:45 am **Adjourn**

Registration Information

**After April 22, 2005, the regular registration fee will be
\$110.00.**

The registration fee includes refreshment breaks, exhibitor's
reception, Thursday's luncheon, one Cattlemen's Steak-out
ticket, and proceedings. Extra Cattlemen's Steak-out tickets
are available at \$10.00 each. Please refer to the registration
card to purchase extra tickets. Requests for registration
refunds will be honored if a written notice of cancellation is
received by the Office of Conferences & Institutes (OCI) on
or before April 22, 2005. A \$25.00 processing fee will be
deducted from all refunds. Sorry, no refunds will be honored
for cancellations after April 22, 2005.

In compliance with ADA requirements, participants with
special needs can be reasonably accommodated by
contacting Matt Hersom at least 10 working days prior to the
workshop. He may be reached by phoning (352) 392-2390 or
faxing (352) 392-9059.

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“Beef Cattle Management Tips”

MAY

- Remove bulls,
- Harvest hay from cool season crops.
- Plant warm season perennial pastures.
- Check and fill mineral feeders.
- Check for spittlebugs and treat if necessary.
- Apply spot-on agents for grub and louse control.
- Check dust bags.
- Vaccinate and implant with growth stimulant any later calves.
- Re-implant calves with growth stimulant at 90-120 days, when you have the herd penned.
- Update market info. and refine marketing plans
- Remove bulls by May 21st to end calving season March 1st.

JUNE

- Check and fill mineral feeder, use at least 8% phosphorus in mineral and not over 2 ½ to 1 calcium to phosphorus ratio.

- Check pastures for spittlebugs, mole crickets, and armyworms. Treat if necessary.
- Check dust bags.
- Observe cattle for evidence of pinkeye and treat.
- Utilize available veterinary services and diagnostic laboratories.
- Get heifers vaccinated for brucellosis if not already done.
- Pregnancy check cows.
- Put bulls out June 1st to begin calving March 11th.

John Mark Shuffitt
Livestock Agent III
Marion County Extension

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