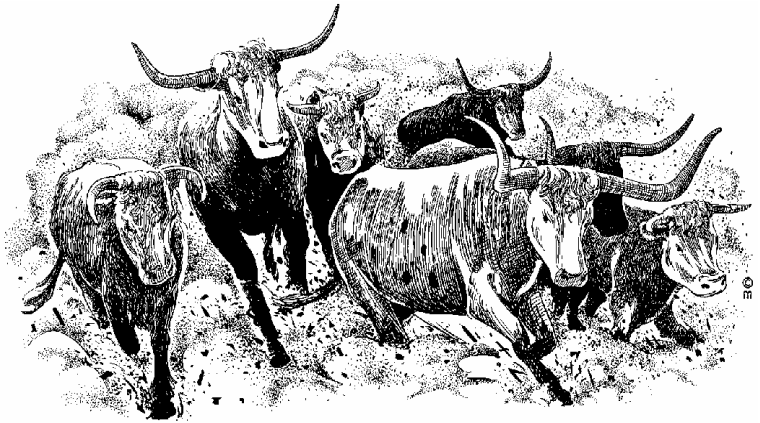


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### **2003 Equine Institute** **&** **Allied Trade Show**

The Florida Equine Institute & Allied Trade Show will be held September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion in Ocala. The Trade Show opens with registration at 8:00 am with moderator Bill Price Chairman of CFLAG. Speakers include Eleanor Green, D.V.M., Glen Hembry, PhD, Sandra TenBroeck, PhD, Dana Zimmer, D.V.M., and Mats Troedsson, D.V.M., all of the University of Florida. Also speaking will be Mark Shuffitt, Marion County Livestock Agent, Michelle LeBlanc, D.V.M. of Lexington, Kentucky, Heather Greaves of EquiGen, and Kenny Breitenbecker of Cloverleaf Farms II.

Topics include: To Breed or Not To Breed, Cost of Breeding - The Use Of Reproductive Technologies In your Breeding Program, Preparing for Breeding, Breeding Steps, Breeding Soundness Exam (Live Animal Demo), The High Risk Mare, Artificial Insemination, Embryo Transfer and Live Cover. Registration for the event includes all seminars, trade show, proceedings, refreshment breaks, and lunch provided by sponsors. Student registration is \$15.00, adult registration postmarked before 9/15/03 is \$25.00, later is \$50.00 (or at the gate). For more information contact: Sharon Gamble Volusia County Extension Service, 3100 E. New York Avenue Deland, FL 32724-6497 or Mark Shuffitt 352-620-3440.

(Please see Registration Form on pg. 2)



### **Equine Education Course**

The dates have been set, so mark your calendar now and plan to attend the upcoming Fall 2003 course.

Intermediate Equine Care & Technology will begin Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003. The class will meet at Central Florida Community College (CFCC) located on State Road 200 in Ocala. Classes are scheduled to meet from 6-9 p.m. for 9 weeks concluding on November 18th. The cost for this course is \$55.00.

Intermediate topics: (not listed in any particular order)

#### **Principles of Horseshoeing**

**& hoof care** - CFCC - Lecture

**Horseshoeing Demo & Hoof Care** - On Farm - Lab

**Conformation and selection** - On Farm

**Equine Dental care** - CFCC - Lecture

**Equine nutrition requirements** - CFCC - Lecture

**Veterinary care and first aid** - On Farm

**Farm safety and equipment maintenance** –  
To Be Announced

**Equine Behavior** - To Be Announced

To register for this course, contact the Cont. Ed. Dept at CFCC phone: (352) 873-5804. For more information about the Intermediate course and/or the Spring 2004 courses (Basic & Advanced), contact Mark Shuffitt at (352) 620-3440.

2003  
Florida Equine Institute & Allied Trade Show  
September 25, 2003  
Southeastern Livestock Pavilion  
2232 NE Jacksonville Rd  
Ocala, Florida

**PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION FORM**

**PLEASE PRINT**

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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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State \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

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John Mark Shuffitt  
Livestock Agent II  
Marion County Extension

# Central Florida Fall Forage Field Day

Friday  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
8:30 am – 2:30 pm.

## Location

**D & D Cattle Company**  
**Groveland, FL.**

## Topics

Fall Forage Strategies  
Pros & Cons of Fall Calving  
Tropical Soda Apple Update  
Live Equipment Demo  
Ranch Tour

### **FREE ADMISSION**

Lunch provided by:  
Central Florida Livestock Agents Group  
For more information or to make your  
reservation for lunch  
Contact: Kay (352) 343-4101.

# **Beef Cattle Management Tips**

## **September**

- Cut hay.
- Heavily graze pastures to be interplanted to cool season pastures.
- Check mineral feeder.
- Check for mole crickets, spittlebugs, and grassloopers and treat if necessary.
- Check dust bags.
- Wean calves and cull cow herd if not already done. Remove open, unsound, or poor producing cows.
- Train cowboys to observe normal and abnormal behavior and signs of disease.
- Be sure any replacement purchases are healthy and have been calfhooed vaccinated for brucellosis.
- September or October is a good time to deworm the cow herd if internal parasites are a problem.
- When replacement heifers are weaned, give them required vaccinations and teach them to eat – then put them on a good nutrition program.
- Determine bull replacement needs, develop selection criteria, and start checking availability of quality animals.
- Review winter feed supply and feeding plans so that needed adjustments can be made before supplies tighten and prices rise.

## **October**

- Plant cool season legumes and small grain pastures
- Check for external parasites, treat if necessary
- Check for spittlebugs, grassloopers, etc. and treat
- Observe condition of cow herd and maintain adequate nutrition
- Isolate any additions to the herd for 30 to 60 days and watch for signs of disease

## **November**

- Observe cows daily to detect calving difficulty
- Use high magnesium mineral if grass tetany has been a problem in the past
- Check for external parasites and treat if needed
- Maintain adequate nutrient level for cow herd
- Calve in well-drained pastures
- Survey pastures for poisonous plants
- Start summarizing your annual records, both production and financial - then you will have time to make adjustments for tax purposes
- Re-evaluate winter feeding program

# **Florida Cow/Calf Seminars**

Come join us again this year for the 3rd Annual Florida Cow/Calf Seminars. This educational program is designed to provide important, timely information for Florida beef cattle producers. By traveling throughout the state, the “Seminars” are able to reach producers and allied industry professionals from the Panhandle to south Florida. Over one week, the “Seminars” will be conducted at 8 different regional locations. Hopefully, one of them will be convenient to your home. This year we will have Dr. Alfredo DiCostanzo participating as our out-of-state speaker.

Dr. DiCostanzo is faculty member of the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Minnesota. Dr. DiCostanzo has developed a broad knowledge base on matching bull breed to achieve targeted calf production goals. Dr. Carrol Chambliss from UF-IFAS will also be joining us to discuss current management considerations for Florida’s pastures, and I will discuss economical considerations for winter supplementation. Additionally, each location will host a speaker to provide information on a local topic. Your \$10.00 registration provides a meal, the program, and a copy of the proceedings which is filled with educational materials to support this year’s topics. Please call the host and RSVP for the site you wish to attend.

Hope to see you there,

John Arthington, PhD

University of Florida-IFAS

Range Cattle Research and Education Center,  
Ona

**Wednesday, October 8, 2003**

**SUMTER COUNTY**

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Pasco County Fairgrounds:  
West of Dade City on Hwy. 52

**Hosted by:** Pasco & Sumter Counties  
Extension Services

**Contact:** Ed Jennings 352-793-2728

**Local Topics:**

Biologic Control and Cost-  
Share Alternatives of  
Tropical Soda Apple

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## **“The Last Word”**

*So what's wrong with being a cowboy?*

Susie Freeman

Have you ever watched a rodeo?

They've started interviewing the contestants after they compete, giving the audience a little glimpse into the character of these athletes, something like the ones conducted preceding title fights and following basketball and football games.

They go something like this.

"Cody, you made a spectacular ride, which moves you into first place. How do you feel about your position as the number one bull-rider in the country?"

"Well, ma'am, (notice the use of a term of respect, a vanishing social custom among most Americans under the age of 30), I've been real lucky. I've drawn some good bulls and everything has fallen into place for me this year. Some of my competitors have had some injuries and bad luck. I just hope I can stay healthy."

Before his closest competitor comes out of the chute, this cowboy then climbs up on the fence and helps him tie on his rigging. He gives that same guy a high five at the side of the arena when he's beaten by two points on the ride he helped him prepare for.

How many times have you seen an arena full of rodeo fans take to the streets following a competition and set fire to cars or hold an impromptu riot because they felt dissatisfied with the final outcome?

There is no booing of officials when scores are announced.

I've never heard of a contested call by any competitor, even when it meant the difference between winning and losing.... Cowboys don't whine.

Cowboys regularly loan each other equipment and even horses, frequently \$50,000 to \$100,000 animals, when a fellow competitor's ride didn't arrive in time for tonight's roping or bulldogging or whatever.

When 'The Star Spangled Banner' is played, to a man and woman they rise to their feet and put their hats over their hearts in respect.

When a cowboy (or cowgirl) is injured, the rest hold fund- raisers and donate time and money to help him or her and their families through a rough financial time.

A lifetime achievement is the day when a contestant reaches \$1 million in earnings. To reach that goal, he or she has spent about 15 years practicing and suffering dozens of injuries, traveled hundreds of thousands of miles from rodeo to rodeo, frequently with their toughest competition, who also happens to be their best friend.

So, I have to ask: What's wrong with being described as a "cowboy?"