

59th Annual Florida Beef Cattle Short Course

Preparing for the Next Decade: Trends, Tools and Technologies

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

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12:00 Registration (Hilton UF Conference Center)

Beef Enterprise Issues

Presiding: *Dr. Matt Hersom*, Department of Animal Sciences, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL

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| 3:00 | Welcome | <i>Dr. Geoff Dahl</i> , Chair, Department of Animal Sciences, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL |
| 3:05 | Cattlemen's Comments | <i>Mr. Wade Grigsby</i> , President, Florida Cattlemen's Assoc., Venus, FL |
| 3:15 | Market Outlook | <i>Mr. Randy Blach</i> , CattleFax, Englewood, CO |
| 4:00 | Current Environment of Agricultural Lending | <i>Mr. Bobby Carnley & Mr. Jeffrey Spencer</i> , Farm Credit of Florida |
| 4:45 | Refreshment Break | Sponsored by <i>Pfizer Animal Health</i> |
| 5:15 | Commitment to Beef Quality. What is the Packer Doing? | <i>Dr. Glen Dolezal</i> , Excel Corp., Wichita, KS |
| 6:00 | Cap & Trade Legislation, What Does it Mean for Cattle Producers? | <i>Ms. Tamara Thies</i> , NCBA, Washington, D.C. |
| 6:45 | Allied Industry Trade Show & Reception | Several companies will have exhibits and representatives to answer your questions. Appetizers provided compliments of the exhibitors. A cash bar is available for your enjoyment. |

Thursday, May 6, 2010

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Can We Pasture Finish Beef?

Presiding: *Dr. John Arthington*, UF/IFAS, Range Cattle REC, Ona, FL

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| 8:30 | Pasture-Fed/Finished Programs | <i>Dr. Vanessa Corriher</i> , Texas A&M University, Overton, TX |
| 9:15 | Forage Management for Pasture Finishing | <i>Dr. John Andrae</i> , Clemson University, Clemson, SC |
| 10:00 | Refreshment Break | Sponsored by <i>Alltech Central Life Sciences</i> |
| 10:30 | Integrated Production Systems to Finish Cattle | <i>Dr. Darrell Rankins</i> , Auburn University, Auburn, AL |
| 11:15 | Meat Quality & Market Outlets for Grass-Finished Cattle | <i>Dr. Chad Carr</i> , UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL |

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- 12:00 **Leave for lunch at UF/IFAS Horse Teaching Unit** Sponsored by *Farm Credit of Florida*
- 1:30 **Beef Cattle Tools of the Trade Rotation of Topics**
- Beef Cattle Handling Systems
 - Implant Use
 - Evaluation of Body Condition Score
 - Comparing Cattle with Divergent RFI
 - Grass vs. Conventional Beef Product Sample
 - Forage / Hay Sample Collection
 - Heifer Selection
 - Weed Control
- 3:30 **Refreshment Break** Sponsored by *Helena Chemical*
- 5:00 **Adjourn**
- 6:30 **Cattlemen's Steak-Out** Horse Teaching Unit

Friday, May 7, 2010

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Florida Cattle Production Fundamentals

Presiding: *Ms. Martha Thomas*, UF/IFAS, Lake County Extension, Tavares, FL

- 8:30 **Basic Cow Nutrition** *Dr. Matt Hersom*, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL
- 9:00 **Mineral Nutrition for Florida Cattle** *Dr. John Arthington*, UF/IFAS, Range Cattle REC, Ona, FL
- 9:30 **Health Management for Florida Herds** *Dr. Max Irsik*, College of Veterinary Medicine, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL
Sponsored by *Novartis Animal Health*
- 10:00 **Refreshment Break**
- 10:30 **Reproduction for Florida Cows** *Dr. Cliff Lamb*, UF/IFAS, North Florida REC, Marianna, FL
- 11:00 **Impact of Cattle Production on Water Quality-North Florida** *Dr. Mark Clark*, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL
- 11:30 **Impact of Cattle Production on Water Quality-South Florida** *Mr. Pat Hogue*, UF/IFAS, Okeechobee County Extension, Okeechobee, FL
- 12:00 **Adjourn—Thanks for Attending!**