GROWING GRASS for Small Acreages

This course is sponsored by The South Florida Beef-Forage Program of the University of Florida, Cooperative Extension Service. This course represents basic Pasture Management principles and concepts. It is part of a continuing multi-County education effort to help South-Central Florida small and inexperienced producers become familiar with raising livestock on small acreages under pasture conditions for sustainability of pastures and grazing programs.

Grazing management is the manipulation of livestock grazing to obtain defined outputs of livestock products. It involves careful management of both pasture and livestock resources to meet desired objectives. The theories of grazing management concepts and pasture management, along with weed control, soils and soil fertility, animal needs and stocking rates, and parasite control methods are discussed in a classroom setting. Producers are encouraged to attend the Grazing Management School to get a more in-depth knowledge of grazing management.

This is the first offering of this course in its current format, and we encourage new producers or anyone managing livestock on small acreages to attend. Registration fee for this school is $20.00 if returned by February 26, 2010, and $30.00 if returned after February 26, 2010, or at the door. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting one of the participating Extension Agents listed on the back of this brochure. Registrations should be returned to, and checks made payable to:

South Florida Beef-Forage Program
c/o Christa L. Kirby
1303 17th St W
Palmetto, FL 34221

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Registration Form

Name _______________________
Address _____________________ City ________________________
Zip Code ____________________
Phone ______________________
Email _______________________

Detach this registration form from the brochure and return it to the address listed below, or to one of the South Florida Beef-Forage Program Agents listed in this brochure along with $20.00 non-refundable registration fee by close of business February 26, 2010 to insure adequate arrangements are made for your attendance. Any registrations received after February 26, 2010 or at the door will be charged a $30.00 late registration fee.

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