

# The Latest News

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This newsletter is brought to you by the Range Cattle Station Extension Program and is intended to provide the latest news and information from our faculty.

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## NOV 16 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP POSTPONED!

The November 16<sup>th</sup> Resource Management Planning Workshop has been cancelled. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and IFAS Extension will instead pair the workshop with a wildlife food plot update. The food plot demonstration will showcase a variety of commercially available blends and wildlife forages well suited for south Florida. Details about the new offering will be available later this fall.

## INITIATION OF NEW RESEARCH

There are a number of new research projects kicking off this month in Ona! Here is some of what we're working on:

- Ryegrass variety trial (year 2 of 2)  
Yield and nutritive value of annual ryegrass varieties (Gulf, Jumbo, Earlyploid, FLX2010, Prine, and Nelson) will be evaluated under clipping conditions.
- Small grain clipping study (year 2 of 2)  
Yield and nutritive value of forage triticale blended with annual ryegrass will be evaluated in comparison to rye-ryegrass or ryegrass alone.
- Ryegrass-triticale grazing study (year 2 of 2)  
Forage characteristics and performance of beef calves grazing an annual ryegrass-triticale mixture or annual ryegrass will be evaluated.
- Broomsedge study  
The use of fertilizer treatments to decrease broomsedge invasion will be evaluated.
- Systems evaluation of early calf weaning (year 1 of 3)  
Calf performance and economic returns associated with traditionally weaned (8 months of age) and early weaned (70 to 90 days of age) calves will be evaluated.

## EMERGING ISSUES

Two common herbicides, GrazonNext and Pasturegard, have new formulations. GrazonNext is currently being sold as GrazonNext HL, and Pasturegard will soon be sold as Pasturegard HL. Look for upcoming articles in the Florida Cattleman and Livestock Journal about the new rate structures for these herbicides!

## ONA ABROAD

Drs. John Arthington and Joao Vendramini traveled to Panama with the Florida Department of Agriculture, with support from the National Cattlemen's Association in Panama, to present two invited talks at their annual conference. The talks were titled 'Nutritional Management of Beef Cattle in Tropical Environments' and 'Grazing Management in Tropical Environments'.

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