9th Youth Field Day to be held June 23

Plan to join us for our upcoming Youth Field Day & Expo! Our goal is to excite students about agriculture and science, reveal future opportunities in those fields, and foster a love of learning which will promote agriculture and good stewardship in this and future generations.

After a welcome assembly at 8:45 a.m., students in groups of 30 will rotate through 5, 30 minute class stations. Afterwards there will be lunch and the ag learning expo where various community & industry booths will be available to visit from 12:05 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. These booths will be informative and educational with demonstrations, visuals, hands-on activities, and experts who are ready to share their knowledge with inquisitive minds who want to know more!

See the brochure attached to this newsletter for all the details and information on how to register.

“Early Bird Registration”  April 18 – May 18  Fee $10
General Registration  May 19 – June 21  Fee $12
Onsite Registration  June 23  Fee $15

Cattle & Forage Field Day & 75th Anniversary

Save the date and plan to attend the field day & anniversary celebration on October 27.
**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) News**

Dr. K. Ramesh Reddy, Chair of the UF/IFAS Department of Soil and Water Sciences, received the National Wetlands Award from the Environmental Law Institute. Dr. Reddy has been on the UF faculty for 37 years doing research in wetlands and aquatic systems. Ramesh received the award at a ceremony at the U.S. Botanical Garden in Washington, D.C., on May 11. Click here to learn more.

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**Student News**

**New graduate student**

Yanyan Lu, a PhD student will be starting summer 2016 in the Soil & Water Science Program.

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**Meet our Staff**

*by Julie Warren*

It is our pleasure to introduce to you our farm manager, Dennis Kalich. For the last 23 years, Dennis has been the Research Coordinator for the RCREC. Born in Schulenburg, TX, Dennis attended college at Texas A & M University earning a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Agricultural Economics- Farm and Ranch Management. Before coming to the RCREC, he worked at a similar facility for Texas A & M.

As Research Coordinator, Dennis works directly under Dr. John Arthington and his main job duty includes managing the 2,840 acre beef cattle research and education center and all of its facilities. When asked what he enjoys most about his job, he replied, “Working for a beef cattle research station, meeting people, growing forages, and operating farm equipment.”

Dennis and his wife Audrey live in Bradenton, FL. When not at work, he enjoys walking, listening to music, and traveling.

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*The farm crew: (L-R) Wyatt Kofke, Joe Aldana, Austin Bateman, Jeff Steele, Terry Neels, Dennis Kalich, Jacob Miller, Tom Fussell, Randy Crawford, Clay Newman, and Ryan Nevling.*
Faculty News

In March, Dr. Vendramini taught a week long International Forage Evaluation Class at the University of Tocantins, in the Amazon Region of Brazil. Thirty-eight students participated.

In an effort to understand more about smutgrass, Dr. Brent Sellers is asking ranchers to complete a survey at this link: https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3jGzn4oJFH0d0i1

The results from this short survey will be used to fuel smutgrass control research. As you may know, smutgrass is one of the most challenging weeds due to its invasive nature, limited control methods, and lack of palatability. Your participation with this survey may lead to a new approach to control a weed that is reducing stocking rates and preventing additional calf sales across this great state.

Upcoming Events

Grasslands: The Importance of Mosaics for Wildlife - webinar
- May 20, 12:00 p.m.
Dr. Raoul Boughton, presenting
Register

2016 Corn Silage and Forage Field Day
- May 26
UF/IFAS Plant Science and Education Unit
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See details & register

UF/IFAS Range Cattle Research and Education Center Special Edition - webinar
- June 2, 12:00 p.m.
All faculty presenting
Register

9th Annual Youth Field Day
- June 23, 2016
Range Cattle REC, Ona
Register

Winter Supplementation Program
- August 11
Hardee Co. Ext. Office
Call for more information: 863-773-2164

Sheep & Goat Production Workshop
- August 18
Hardee Co. Ext. Office
Call for more information: 863-773-2164

Range Cattle REC’s 75th Anniversary Field Day
- October 27, 2016
Range Cattle REC, Ona

Faculty News

May 20, at 12:00 p.m.
“Grasslands: The Importance of Mosaics for Wildlife”
the Ona Report for May 2016, presented by Dr. Raoul Boughton
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3512308904823033346

June 2, at 12:00 p.m.
“UF/IFAS Range Cattle Research and Education Center Special Edition” the Ona Report for June 2016, features program highlights with Dr. John Arthington, Dr. Brent Sellers, Dr. Raoul Boughton, Dr. Philippe Moriel, Chris Prevatt, Dr. Maria Silveira, and Dr. Joao Vendramini presenting.
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4998538563604812801

Past presentations are available for viewing. Go to our website: http://rcrec-ona.ifas.ufl.edu/ and look in the navigation panel on the left side of the page and click on “Virtual Classroom” under Extension. Then to view the slides, go to the slides option. For the video, go to that option and click on “Webinars” in the navigational bar.
2016 Donor Recognition Dinner

The Mosaic Grazinglands Classroom was the sight of the 2016 donor recognition reception and dinner on February 5 with about 54 guests in attendance. This gathering of friends of the Center is a new tradition, allowing a special evening to thank those who support the Center and its programs.

(L-R) Group visit during the reception.

(L-R) RCREC students: Wendy Colombo, Caio CarneLos, Vanessa Piotta, Gleise Medeiros, and Rafaela Alturugio.

(L-R) Dusty and Hilary Holley

(L-R) Joao Vendramini, Jim Strickland, Maria Silveira, and Dusty Holley

(L-R) Margaret Hodges Blanco, Vicky Pate, and Shari Garrett

(L-R) Victoria Losser visits with Dr. Elver Hodges

Recent Publications


Leon, R.G., J.A. Ferrell, and B.A. Sellers. 2016. Seed Production and Control of Sicklepod (Senna obtusifolia) and Pitted Morningglory (Ipomoea Iacunosa) with 2,4-D, Dicamba, and Glyphosate Combinations. Weed Technology 30:76-84.


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This field day is specially designed for students ages 8-18 with morning classes and an afternoon learning expo. Check-in opens at 8:00 a.m. with participants gathering under the tent for the opening kickoff at 8:45 a.m. After the morning welcome, group leaders will be introduced and groups (Red A, Red B, Green A, Green B, or Blue A) will travel to their first station. Groups will be guided through the morning rotations by their group leaders visiting each of the five structured learning stations. A light snack and drink will be provided mid-morning during one of the class stations and lunch will be served in a split schedule with the 'A' groups eating at 12:05 and the ‘B’ groups eating at 12:50. During and after lunch, the expo will be open.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact your local county extension livestock agent or the RCREC at ona@ifas.ufl.edu or 863-735-1314 ext. 204.

**Morning Schedule**

8:00 a.m.  Sign-in
8:45 Welcome –Dr. John Arthington
Rundown of the day- Andrea Dunlap
8:55 Break into groups & travel to first class site

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Group Rotations**

(30 min) Harmful Internal Microscopic Bugs & Shot Placement – Sonja Crawford, Tycee Prevatt, and Christy Walters
(30 min) Caught on Camera: Monitoring Florida's Wildlife with Game Cameras - Wes Anderson, Bethany Penabade, Sam Baraoidan, Connor Crank, and Julie Burford
(30 min) Pasture Management & Rotational Grazing– Chris Prevatt, Dr. Philippe Moriel, and James McWhorter
(30 min) Livestock Handling – Austin Bateman, Clay Newman, Ashley Fluke, and Lindsey Wiggins
(30 min) Career Explorations with UF CALS – UF College of Agriculture and Life Science (CALS) Ambassadors

**Afternoon Schedule**

Visit the Expo Booths - 12:05 - 2:00 p.m!
These informative and engaging booths will be located in and around the Grazinglands Education Building. These booths will be informative and educational with demonstrations, visuals, hands-on activities, and experts ready to share their knowledge with inquisitive minds.

**Lunch**
12:05  A Lunch
Groups: Red A, Green A, and Blue A
12:50  B Lunch
Groups: Red B and Green B
2:00 Field Day Ends

**How to Register**


Space is limited, and the registration fee increases as the event approaches, so register early!

- $10 – early bird reg., April 18 – May 18
- $12 – normal reg., May 19 – June 21
- $15 – the day of the event

Due to space limits, all persons wanting to attend the classes must register. When registering please list each attendee, for name badge purposes.

T-shirts and field day booklets can be pre-ordered from April 18 – June 1. A few shirts and booklets will be available the day of the event. Sizes and pricing can be seen under ‘Additional Items’ when registering on Eventbrite.
**Field Day Staff**  
Range Cattle REC

Dr. John Arthington  Dr. Maria Silveira  
Dr. Philippe Moriel  Dr. Joao Vendramini  
Chris Prevatt  Clay Newman  
Andrea Dunlap  Cindy Holley  
Joseph Noel  Julie Warren  
Bethany Penabade  Dennis Kalich  
Randy Crawfis  Tom Fussell  
Lauria Gause  Christina Markham  
Jacob Miller  Terry Neels  
Ryan Nevling  Jeff Steele  
Joe Aldana  Kim Parks  
Austin Bateman  Sam Baraoiadan  
Connor Crank  Julie Burford  
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Juliana Ranches  Jose Luiz Dias  
Logan Martin  Gleise Medeiros  
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Caio Carnelos

**County Extension Agents**

Glades County  Tycee Prevatt  
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Polk County  Bridget Carlisle-Stice  
Seminole Tribe  Aaron Stam

**Directions**

3401 Experiment Station - Ona, FL 33865  
Phone: 863-735-1314

**From Ona**  
From SR 64 in Ona, turn south at the caution light onto CR 663. Travel 5 miles on 663 and turn right onto Goose Pond Road.  
*Travel 1.5 miles and turn left onto Experiment Station Road. Travel about a mile to reach the Range Cattle REC facilities.

**From Arcadia**  
Travel west on SR 70 to CR 661. Take a right on CR 661 and travel about 12 miles to Goose Pond Road. Take a left on Goose Pond Road (see Ona instructions at *).

**From Bradenton**  
From the junction of I-75 and SR 64 travel east to CR 665, turn right. Travel to Goose Pond Road and turn left. Go to Experiment Station Road and turn right. Travel about a mile to reach the Center.

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Persons requiring special accommodations, per the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact Andrea Dunlap at (863) 735-1314 at least (5) five working days prior to the field day.

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