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Two Valuable Publications for Florida Cattlemen

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The University of Florida/IFAS prints and distributes numerous publications. Two that are very useful to Florida cattlemen are for-sale handbooks that can be purchased or ordered at most county agricultural extension offices throughout the state.

One of these publications is entitled "Florida Cow-Calf Management." This handbook was authored by twenty-two University of Florida/IFAS faculty and edited by the late Dr. Bill Kunkle. Subject matter contained in 9 chapters include; getting started in the cattle business, planning a breeding program, feeding, reproduction, herd health, good management practices, marketing, and budgeting. This handbook is an excellent reference for individuals just getting started in the cow-calf business whether a few head or a large herd. It also offers many production and management tips that would be of value to cattlemen that have been in the cow-calf business for years.

The second publication is entitled "Florida Forage Handbook." This handbook was authored by twenty-five University of Florida/IFAS faculty and was edited by the late Dr. Carrol Chambliss. The 34 chapters in this publication includes information on the major grasses and legumes grown in Florida. There is also an abundance of information on planting forages, pasture renovation, fertilization, grazing management, making hay and silage, weed and insect pest control, budgeting, and forage testing.

The above handbooks can also be purchased on-line at the IFAS/Extension Bookstore: <http://ifasbooks.ufl.edu/merchant2/merchant.mv>. At this site "Florida Forage Handbook" is located in the books section under Agriculture, and "Florida Cow-Calf Management" is located in the books section under Livestock & Poultry. Each handbook cost \$10 plus taxes, and can be purchase with a credit card.