

**A Collaborative Effort to Provide Educational Opportunities & Resources to South Florida's Cattle Producers**

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**What is The South Florida Beef Forage Program?**

Established in 1981

Composed of UF/IFAS Extension Agents in South & Central Florida, and research faculty at the UF/IFAS Range Cattle Research and Education Center

A major goal of this program is to coordinate Extension and research activities to enhance cattle and forage production in the region

Accomplish this goal through planning and implementation of educational programs

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**Extension Programs**

The South Florida Beef Forage Program designs and implements educational programs for cattle producers

These programs cover topics that are relevant to the needs of producers

Programs are evaluated so that we can continue to improve the educational experience we are bringing to participants




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## Environmental Lands Management

- **Purpose:** This program is designed to educate land managers and landowners outside of the cattle industry on how grazing cattle can help preserve and protect Florida's natural resources.
- **Topics:** Invasive Plant Management, Wild Hog Management, Developing Grazing Leases, Best Management Practices, Preserving Natural Resources
- **2023 Date:** April 13 at Circle B Bar Reserve – Lakeland, FL

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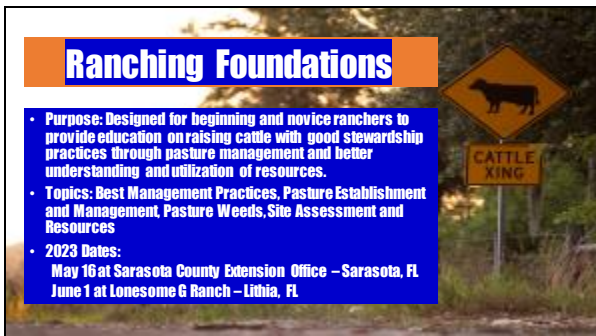
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## Ranching Foundations

- **Purpose:** Designed for beginning and novice ranchers to provide education on raising cattle with good stewardship practices through pasture management and better understanding and utilization of resources.
- **Topics:** Best Management Practices, Pasture Establishment and Management, Pasture Weeds, Site Assessment and Resources
- **2023 Dates:**  
 May 16 at Sarasota County Extension Office – Sarasota, FL  
 June 1 at Lonesome G Ranch – Lithia, FL

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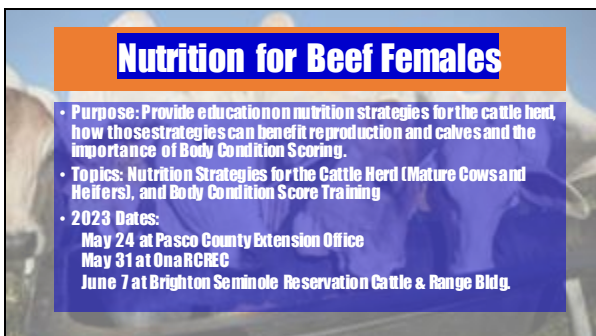
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## Nutrition for Beef Females

- **Purpose:** Provide education on nutrition strategies for the cattle herd, how those strategies can benefit reproduction and calves and the importance of Body Condition Scoring.
- **Topics:** Nutrition Strategies for the Cattle Herd (Mature Cows and Heifers), and Body Condition Score Training
- **2023 Dates:**  
 May 24 at Pasco County Extension Office  
 May 31 at Ona RCREC  
 June 7 at Brighton Seminole Reservation Cattle & Range Bldg.

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**Wild Hog Focus Group**

- Purpose: Get input from cattle ranchers on their methods of wild hog management and what has or has not been successful. Hance Ellington will be sharing on-going research on best management practices.
- Topics: Trapping, poison/baits being researched, and more
- 2023 Date: Late May/Early June

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**Herd Health Seminar**

- Purpose: Educate producers on practices that can be implemented to improve overall health of their cattle herds
- Topics: Parasite Control, and Reproductive and Respiratory Health
- 2023 Date: May 2 at Camp Cloverleaf – Lake Placid, FL

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**Forage Management Tour and Workshop**

- Purpose: Provide producers with practical knowledge about improved forage and pasture management to maximize the potential for forage and grazing
- Topics: Soil Sampling, Healthy Soil Practices, Pasture Weed Management, Herbicides and Bio control and Forage Varieties
- 2023 Date: August/September at UF/FAS Range Cattle Research and Education Center – Ocala, FL

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**Winter Supplementation Seminar**

- Purpose: Educate producers on the nutritional needs of the cow herd, ways to maintain Body Condition Score and improve productivity when nutritive value of forage decreases
- Topics: Nutritional Requirements for Cattle, Maintaining a Good Body Condition Score, Trace Minerals, Molasses Composition
- 2023 Date: September 14 – Okeechobee, FL

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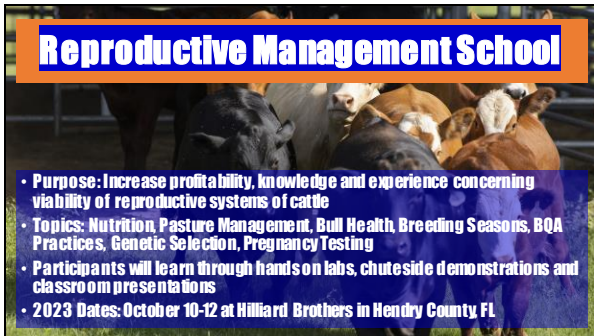
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**Reproductive Management School**

- Purpose: Increase profitability, knowledge and experience concerning viability of reproductive systems of cattle
- Topics: Nutrition, Pasture Management, Bull Health, Breeding Seasons, BQA Practices, Genetic Selection, Pregnancy Testing
- Participants will learn through hands on labs, chuteside demonstrations and classroom presentations
- 2023 Dates: October 10-12 at Hilliard Brothers in Hendry County FL

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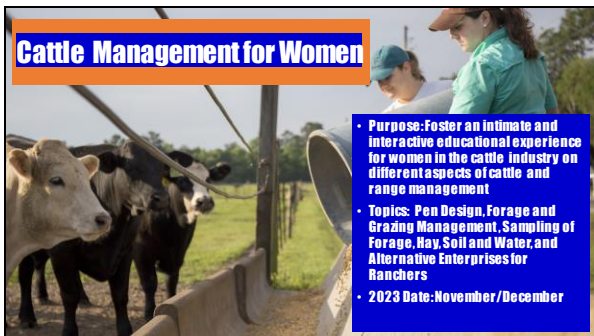
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**Cattle Management for Women**

- Purpose: Foster an intimate and interactive educational experience for women in the cattle industry on different aspects of cattle and range management
- Topics: Pen Design, Forage and Grazing Management, Sampling of Forage, Hay, Soil and Water, and Alternative Enterprises for Ranchers
- 2023 Date: November/December

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## Additional Resources

**The South Florida Beef Forage Program Website**

- Article of the Month
- Links to Educational, Regulatory and Research Resources
- Product and Service Directory
- Publications and Resources
- Upcoming Events

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## Questions

The South Florida Beef Forage Program is here to help Florida's ranchers enhance cattle and forage production

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