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*Strengthening the Cattle Industry through Educational Outreach of the South Florida Beef Forage Program*

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UF IFAS Extension UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA **BEEF FORAGE PROGRAM** **About Us**

- Established in 1981
- UF/IFAS County and State Faculty
- 18 Counties, UF/IFAS RCREC, UF/IFAS Main Campus
- Coordinate educational efforts and research for South Florida livestock producers



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### WHO WE ARE: County Extension Faculty

Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, Collier & Lee Counties



Lindsey Wiggins, Livestock Agent

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Hendry County



Sonja Crawford, 4-H Coordinator/Livestock Agent

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Hernando, Pasco & Sumter Counties



Laura Bennett, Livestock & Forage Management Agent

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### WHO WE ARE: County Extension Faculty

Highlands County



Kalan Royal, Livestock & Natural Resources Agent

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### WHO WE ARE: County Extension Faculty

Hillsborough County



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Manatee County



Christa Kirby, Livestock Agent

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Okeechobee County



Lauren Butler, County Extension Director & Livestock Agent

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Polk & DeSoto (Interim) Counties



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Sarasota County



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Seminole Tribe of Florida



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WHO WE ARE: State Faculty

Range Cattle Research & Education Center



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Dr. Joao Vendramini, Forage Management Specialist

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Main Campus - Agronomy



Dr. Marcelo Wallau, Forage Specialist

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WHO WE ARE: State Faculty

Main Campus - College of Veterinary Medicine



Dr. Joao Bittar, Beef Cattle Extension Veterinarian

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**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

- Advisory Committee Input
- Participant feedback
- County agent/producer interactions
- Research Initiatives



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**KEY EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS**

- Forage Management Tour & Workshop
- Alvin C Warnick Beef Cattle Reproductive Management School
- Winter Supplementation Seminar
- Herd Health Seminar
- Ranching Foundations
- Cattle Management for Women
- Environmental Lands Management

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**FORAGE MANAGEMENT TOUR & WORKSHOP**



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**ACW Beef Cattle Reproductive Management School**



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