



## HOMESTEAD & FARM NOTES

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### Upcoming Events & Programs

**July 10<sup>th</sup>:** **Hay Field Day** at the Santa Fe River Ranch, Alachua County from 8:30AM to 1:00PM. Please call the Alachua County Extension Office at (352) 955-2402 to pre-register.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>:** **North Florida Beef Association Meeting** at Lakeside Community Center, Lake Butler at 6:00PM, meal provided. Please call (386) 752-5384 by noon July 9<sup>th</sup> to pre-register.

**July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>:** **Rain Barrel Workshop** at the Baker County Extension Office. July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM, and July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM. Please call (904) 259-3520 to pre-register.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>:** **Food Preservation Class** at the Baker County Extension Office from 9:30AM to 2:00PM. Please call (904) 259-3520 to pre-register.

**August 2-4<sup>th</sup>:** **Florida Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Conference** at Osceola Heritage Park, Kissimmee. Hosted by UF/IFAS/Extension and Florida A&M University. For more information visit <http://smallfarms.ifas.ufl.edu>



## 4-H Happenings



**July 16<sup>th</sup>: Jar It Up** 9:00AM to 3:00PM, max 10 youth, \$15.00



**July 20<sup>th</sup>: Girlz Thang** 9:00AM to 3:00PM, max 10 youth, \$15.00



**July 23<sup>rd</sup>: River Run Two** 8:00AM, max 7 youth, \$25.00, bring a bag lunch

## Horticulture Hints

### Heat tolerant Vegetables to plant this month include:

Eggplant, Okra, New Zealand Spinach, Sweet Potatoes (from vine cuttings, not tuber slips), Lima Beans, and Southern Peas.

Bulbs to plant this month: Aztec Lily, Butterfly Lily, Gladiolas, Spider Lily, and Walking Iris.

Annual Flowers to sow: Celosia, coleus, crossandra, exacum, hollyhock, impatiens, kalanchoe, nicotiana, ornamental pepper, portulaca, salvia, torenia, periwinkles, and zinnia.



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# Livestock & Wildlife

## Beef Calendar for July:

Mow or use herbicides to control pasture/hay weeds. Get rid of poisonous weeds that might be grazed if cattle are short of feed.

Along fence lines: Black Cherry limbs that fall, China Berry limbs with fruit and yellow Jasmine vines.

In Pastures: Black Nightshade, Jimson weed, Husk Tomato, Coffee weed, Sickle pod, Crotalaria, Lantana, Cocklebur, Poke weed, and Rattlebox.

If you need more grass, apply about 60 to 80 pounds actual nitrogen per acre.

Keep mineral feeders full.

Check hayfields for Armyworms, treat when you find an average of more than two worms,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches or longer per square feet. Scout every two days during wet rainy weather.

Wean calves, revaccinate calves for Blackleg.

## Wildlife Happenings for July

Alligators and crocodiles will begin to hatch.

Armadillos are breeding.

Squirrels are being born.

Look for frigate birds flying overhead in South Florida.

Shorebirds are nesting on beaches.

Listen for Eastern narrow mouth toads after heavy rains.

Article on Baiting the Nine banded Armadillo

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw362>



Nine banded Armadillo photo by:

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# Small Ruminant Corner

## Boer Goat

By: Basil Bactawar, Union County Director/Agent

This breed originated in South Africa, but was imported from New Zealand to the USA in the 1990's. It is recognized by many throughout the world as the major meat breed because it has a uniform large frame, good meat yield and a coloration that is consistent. The body is white with a red, black or brown head. They have heavy muscle. Daily weight gain ranges from 0.3 lbs. to 0.44 lbs. per day. Birth weight ranges from 6 to 8 lbs. Males are generally half pound heavier than the female kids at birth. The adult male weighs about 250 lbs. and the female about 200 lbs. Research suggests that this breed can be used in cross breeding programs to improve the productive performance of indigenous breeds such as the Spanish goat.



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