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Homestead & Farm Notes



Farm City Week

Once again, we will be celebrating Farm City Week at the Lakeside Community Center on Monday, November 23rd. The evening program will start at 6:00PM with dinner. This national event is celebrated in different counties just before Thanksgiving. It highlights the value of agriculture to people who live in the city. It brings together city folks and the agricultural community to forge a bond through socializing, sharing of information and expressing our thankfulness for our harvest. Everyone is invited to attend. Please remember to bring a dish (with serving utensil) for your family and three people.

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Beekeepers Club Meeting at 7:00PM at the Union County Extension Office. October 13th, November 10th and December 8th. The guest speaker for October will be David Westervelt, Apiary Chief from Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Union County Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting at the Union County Extension Office at 6:30PM. October 27th, November 24th, and December 22nd.

November 23rd: Farm City Week at Lakeside Community Center at 6:00PM. Please come and enjoy!

December 12th: Union County Christmas Parade

The Extension Office will be closed on November 11th, November 26th, November 27th, December 24th, and December 25th.

Livestock Calendar

OCTOBER

- Now is the time to soil test and apply lime to your hay fields and pastures for next year, it takes a minimum of 60-90 days for lime to begin neutralizing soil acids.
- Keep your mineral feeders full. Cattle require more mineral on low-quality forages to feed rumen-bacteria that break rough forages down into digestible nutrients the cow can use. If they are over-consuming mineral you can use salt to limit intake.
- Check for external parasites and treat if necessary.
- Watch condition of cowherd, supplement with protein and energy if necessary. Options include liquid, blocks, range cubes, grain, and distiller's grains.
- Isolate any additions to your herd for 30 to 60 days and watch for signs of disease; test again for Brucellosis and Leptospirosis.
- The Fall Forage update with recommended varieties can be accessed on the Internet at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/aa266>.

NOVEMBER

- Worm cows and heifers before putting them on rye pastures for supplementing.
- Take soil samples of Bahia pastures and Bermuda hayfields now.
- Observe cows daily and look for calving problems.
- Maintain adequate nutrient level for cow herd.
- Calve in well-drained pastures.
- Start summarizing your records, both for production as well as tax purposes.
- Begin a bull conditioning nutrition program before the breeding season.
- Review your plans and make arrangements before the breeding season.

DECEMBER

- Check cows daily for calving problems.
- Rotate calving pastures.
- Worm cows and heifers before putting them on rye pastures for supplementing.

Cool Season Vegetables to Plant

OCTOBER

Beets, broccoli, Brussels sprout, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, collard, mustard, onions, radish, rutabaga, spinach, turnips, and strawberries can all be planted this month.

NOVEMBER

Beets, broccoli, Brussels sprout, cabbage, carrots, Chinese cabbage, collard, mustard, onions, radish, rutabaga, spinach and strawberries can be planted this month.

DECEMBER

Beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, Chinese cabbage, endive, kale, leek, mustard, onions, radish, rutabaga, all can be planted this month.

Bulbs to Plant

OCTOBER

African Lily, Amaryllis, Anemone, Aztec Lily, Calla, Elephant Ears, Easter Lily, Grape Hyacinth, Iris, Kaffir Lily, Leopard Lily, Moraea, Narcissus, Pineapple Lily, Shell Ginger, Snow Flake, Society Garlic, Spider Lily, Star-of-Bethlehem Lily, Rain Lily, Walking Iris, Watsonia.

NOVEMBER

Agapanthus, amaryllis, Aztec Lily, Calla Lily, Rhizomatous Iris, Kafir Lily, Walking Iris, Moraea, Narcissus, Spider Lily and Zephyr Lily can be planted now.

[Click here for North Florida Gardening Calendar](#)





4-H HAPPENINGS



Upcoming Dates & Events

October:

- 8~ Cattleman's Sign Up Meeting (5-7 pm Bradford Extension Office)
- 12~ BUSA Sign Up Meeting (7:00 Lake Butler Elementary)
- 19~ Record Book/Clover Awards Workshop (6:30 pm First Christian Church)
- 27~ County Council Meeting (6:30 UCSB Board Room)

November:

- 9~ BUSA Meeting (7:00 Starke Elementary)
- 11~ Knife Workshop (1:00 Union County Extension Office \$15)
- 12~ Cattleman's Meeting (7:00 Fairgrounds)
- 16~ Goat Meeting(6:00 Bradford County Extension Office)
- 23~ Farm City Celebration (6:00 Lake Butler Community Center)

December:

- 5~ Cattleman's Weigh In & Warm Up Show (8-10 weigh in/show following at the Fairgrounds)
- 5~ BUSA Tag In (8-10 Lake Butler Riding Club or Fairgrounds)
- 10~ Cattleman's Meeting (7:00 Fairgrounds)
- 12~ Holiday Bake Off/Chili Cook Off & Fundraiser (drop off 9-11 am. Awards 4:00, dinner 4:30)
- 12~ Christmas Parade (6:00)



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Union County 4-H

Holiday Bake Off Rules 2015

December 12, 2015

Entry drop-off from 9:00 am-11:00 am

Awards will start at 4:00 pm

Dinner will be served 4:30-5:45 pm

The purpose of the Holiday Bake-Off is to encourage adults and youth to work together on a project. This is not a traditional 4-H contest where a 4-H member must do all the work themselves. Mixes, precooked, and non-cooked items may be used in the finished product. Work should be done by the youth with supervision, directions and help of an adult. Entries must have a festive holiday appearance. **NO LIVE PLANT MATERIAL (SUCH AS HOLLY, POINSETTIA, BOXWOOD, ETC.) MAY BE USED! PRODUCT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

Completed entry form **must** accompany your entry item. The Agent reserves the right to re-classify entry if needed and participants will be informed as soon as possible. One recipe for each entry must be submitted so that everyone may sample the product after the awards presentation.

Categories:

- Cakes
 - Decorated Cakes
 - Cupcakes
 - Pies
 - Candies
 - Cookies
 - Brownies/Bar Cookies
 - Breads
 - Gingerbread Houses
 - Appetizers
 - Chili
 - Lite Recipes (recipes that use less sugar, salt, and fat than traditional holiday recipes)
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- Only one entry per child per category
 - Entries must include a list of ingredients
 - Cloverbuds will not be judged but will receive a participation ribbon
 - Awards in each category will be blue, red or white.
 - Products will be judged on appearance, taste and display



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