

Homestead & Farm Notes

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September 10th: **Natural Areas/Right-of-Way Pesticide Workshop** at the Bradford County Fairgrounds, Bldg. #3 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. Call (904) 966-6299 to pre-register.

September 11th: **Vegetable Gardening** free class at the Alachua County Extension Office from 6:30PM to 7:30PM. Please call (352) 337-6209 to pre-register.

September 25th: **Citrus** free class at the Alachua County Extension Office from 6:30PM to 7:30PM. Please call (352) 337-6209 to pre-register.

September 27th: **Food Preservation Class** at the Bradford County Extension Office from 9:30AM to 2:00PM. Please call (904) 966-6299 for more information and to pre-register.

September 30th: **4-H 2013-2014 enrollment Registration Deadline.**

Livestock & Wildlife

Beef Calendar for September:

- ✓ Keep those mineral feeders filled. Pasture grass protein as well as digestibility is dropping at this time. Pregnant cattle need those nutrients to stay in condition during the last trimester of pregnancy.
- ✓ Keep scouting hayfields and pastures for Armyworms, Striped Grass Loopers, Mole Crickets, and Bermuda grass Stem Maggots.
- ✓ If you buy replacement stock, be sure they are healthy. Remember Calf hood vaccination for brucellosis, and void their rumen of weed seed in an isolated pen for a week (if they come from South Florida where Tropic Soda Apple is a pandemic),
- ✓ Replacement heifers, if weaned, should be vaccinated, if purchased make sure they've had calf hood vaccination for brucellosis.
- ✓ Now is a good time to deworm the cow herd.
- ✓ Review winter feed supply and feeding plans so you can take advantage of lower prices and volume discounts.

White Tailed Deer of Florida can be read or downloaded at: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw121>

Wildlife Happenings for September

Hawk migration begins at St. Joseph Peninsula in Gulf County.

Bald eagles return to nest sites and begin courtship.

Deer breeding begins in South Florida Flatwoods.

Blue crabs migrate from shallow panhandle coast to deeper water for the winter.





4-H Happenings



Join us for another year in 4-H in Union County. September is registration month. **Registration deadline is September 30th**. Check with your 4-H Club Leader or call Colan at (386) 496-4263.



This is a good time to check your entire schedule and make sure you have time to complete all of your 4-H requirements along with any other activities you may have.



4-H County Events, yes it's on a Saturday morning, don't forget family time and ball games. BUCA and BUSA meetings. County Events is usually 2 weeks before the Bradford Fair.



Be sure to join the Union County 4-H Foundation, Inc.



The Annual Union County 4-H Foundation Auction was held August 16th and once again was a huge success. The Foundation would like to **thank everyone** for coming out to show their support. 😊

Horticulture Hints

Vegetables to plant in September include:

Cucumbers, squash, snap beans, pole beans should all be planted by September 15th. Other vegetables to plant this month include beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, mustard greens, onions, radish, turnips and strawberries.

Tubers to plant in September include: Amaryllis, Aztec Lily, Calla, Crinum Lily, Iris, Kaffir Lily, Narcissus, Shell Ginger, Spider Lily and Rain Lily.

Trees & Shrubs need to be prepared for winter with Fertilizer

For most woody plants in the landscape use a balanced fertilizer. Young planted trees and shrubbery in the yard (Gardenia, Hydrangea etc...) need a balanced fertilizer (such as a 10-10-10 analysis fertilizer). Azalea, Camellia and gardenia shrubs would benefit from an acid-forming fertilizer (such as a 4-8-12 analysis fertilizer).

Lawn Tips

- If you don't have a soil test, University of Florida Extension Specialists would recommend applying fertilizer nutrients that would approximate applying six (6) pounds of a 16-4-8 analysis per 1000 square feet of lawn.
- If burning nettle and burr weed have been a problem in your lawn, now is the time to use a "weed-n-feed" type fertilizer with pendimethalin as the active herbicide ingredient. The strategy is to prevent as much of their germination as possible.
- If it gets cooler cinch bugs will be less of a problem but lawn caterpillars could be a problem. If grass blades look like they've been chewed on, spray with a product that is labeled for lawn caterpillar control.
- If mole crickets become a problem, this is the last month to treat before they get too large to control. Sprays, granular products and baits are available. If using bait, water the lawn well in the late afternoon, let dry off and apply bait just before sundown for best results.

Small Ruminant Corner

The Kiko Meat Goat

Basil Bactawar, Union County Extension Director/Agent

This breed was imported from New Zealand in the 1990's into the USA. Their coats are generally white but can be any color from white to black. They have large frames and are known to mature early. In developing the breed, the does were selected for their hardiness under range conditions with no kidding assistance, their mothering ability and their ability to have twins annually. They are generally well suited for meat goat production under humid and subtropical conditions. On average, the does wean approximately 1.6 to 1.8 kids with an average litter weight of 62 to 67 lbs. at 90 days old. This breed is generally more resistant to internal parasites, especially the barber pole worm, than the other breeds.



Photo of Kiko Breed (Courtesy of FLORIDAGOATRANCH.COM)

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