

## ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

### **Saturday 10:30 - 12:00: Solar Applications for Small Farms**

*Moderator: Richard Tyson, Seminole County Extension, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**John Harrison**, Florida Solar Energy Center, Cocoa, FL

**Bill Young**, Florida Solar Energy Center, Cocoa, FL

*Panelists:*

**Randy Barthle**, Barthle Brothers Ranch, Dade City, FL

**David Bessette**, President of Florida Solar Industries Assoc. and Owner of Allsolar Service Company, Kissimmee, FL

**Nick and Margie Pikarsky**, Bee Heaven Farm, Homestead, FL

**Harrison and Young**, (above)

*Demonstrations:*

**Jim Devalerio**, Bradford County Extension, UF-IFAS

**Tyson, Harrison, Young** (above)

### **Saturday 4:30 - 6:00: Biofuels for Small Farms**

*Moderator: Fitzroy Beckford, Lee County Extension, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Bryan Beer II**, Citrus Farmer, FL

**Norma McDonald**, Phase 3 Renewables, Cincinnati, OH

**Pratap Pullammanapallil**, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, UF-IFAS

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## ALTERNATIVE ENTERPRISES

### **Sunday 8:30 - 10:00: Beekeeping**

*Moderator: Teresa Olczyk, Miami-Dade County Extension, UF-IFAS*

*Speaker:*

**Nancy Gentry**, Owner, Cross Creek Honey Co.

### **Sunday 10:30 - 12:00: Protected Culture for Specialty Crops**

*Moderator: Gene McAvoy, Hendry County Extension Director, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Daniel Cantliffe**, Distinguished Professor and Chair, Horticultural Sciences, UF-IFAS

**Belinski Santos**, Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, UF-IFAS

**Nancy Roe**, Green Cay Produce and Farming Systems Research, Inc, Boynton Beach, FL

### **Sunday 2:00 - 3:30: Specialty Cut Flower and Foliage Production for Direct Market**

Moderator: **Linda Seals**, Brevard County Extension, UF-IFAS

Speakers:

**Belinda Cheney**, Cut Flower Producer, Suwannee County, FL

**Robert Stamps**, Environmental Horticulture, UF-IFAS

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## **BUSINESS AND MARKETING**

### **Saturday 10:30 - 12:00: Roadmap to Owning Your Own**

#### **Business**

Moderator: **Linda Landrum**, North Florida Research and Education Center - Suwannee Valley, UF-IFAS

Speakers:

**Mike Gunderson**, Food and Resource Economics, UF-IFAS

**Allen Wysocki**, Food and Resource Economics, UF-IFAS

Panelists:

**Tom Gallman**, Small Business Administration

**Rebecca Rhodes**, S.C.O.R.E.

**Regina Thomas**, Farm Credit of Central Florida

**Ken Windsor**, Farm Services Agency

**Norman Baker**, Farm Services Agency

### **Saturday 4:30 - 6:00: Forming Cooperatives**

Moderator: **Vonda Richardson**, FAMU-CESTA

Speakers:

**Allen Wysocki**, Food and Resource Economics, UF-IFAS

**David Register**, Fern Trust

**Glyen Holmes**, Executive Director, New North Florida Cooperatives Association

### **Sunday 8:30 - 10:00: Farm Enterprises to Increase Cash Flow**

Moderator: **Allen Wysocki**, Food and Resource Economics Department, UF-IFAS

Speakers:

**Mike Gunderson**, Food and Resource Economics, UF-IFAS

**Margie and Ken Pikarsky**, Bee Heaven Farm, Homestead, FL

**Ken Shuler**, Stephens Produce, Palm Beach County, FL

**Steve Register**, Farm Credit Services of North Florida

\*\*\*with DVD materials from Alex Hitt, Peregrine Farms, Chatam County, NC

### **Sunday 10:30 - 12:00: I'll Buy from You Because...**

Moderator: **Kyle Landrum**, Agricultural Education and Communication, UF-IFAS

*Speakers:*

**Allen Wysocki**, Food and Resource Economics, UF/IFAS

**Linda Landrum**, North Florida Research and Education Center - Suwannee Valley, UF-IFAS

**Eva and Chris Worden**, Worden Farms, Punta Gorda, FL

**John Matthews**, Suncoast Food Alliance, West Central FL

**Sunday 2:00 - 3:30: Supplying Intermediate Markets: Taking the Local Food System to the Next Level**

*Moderator: Linda Landrum, North Florida Research and Education Center - Suwannee Valley, UF-IFAS*

*Speaker:*

**Allen Wysocki**, Food and Resource Economics, UF-IFAS

*Panelists:*

**Dan Snowden**, Fresh Point, Orlando, FL

**Dina Bell**, Internatural Marketing, Lake Worth, FL

**Vonda Richardson**, Florida A&M University

**Cindy Anderson**, Team Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa County, FL

**Jeff Mullahey**, Santa Rosa County Extension, UF-IFAS and Team Santa Rosa, FL

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## HORTICULTURE

**Saturday 10:30 - 12:00: Blueberry and Strawberry Production**

*Moderator: Gary England, Sumter County Extension, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Belinski Santos**, Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, UF-IFAS

**Jeff Williamson**, Horticultural Sciences, UF-IFAS

**Dan Ebbecke**, D&S Blueberries, Inc., Marsarytown, FL

**Saturday 4:30 - 6:00: Producing High-Value Vegetables and Herbs for Direct Markets**

*Moderator: Susan Kelly, Sumter County Extension Director, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Ken Shuler**, Farmer, Stephen's Produce, Palm Beach County, FL

**Betty O'Toole**, O'Toole's Herb Farm, Madison, FL

**Lynn Steward**, Mr. Citrus Organics and Vegetables, Arcadia, FL

**Sunday 8:30 - 10:00: Low-Volume Irrigation for Small Farms**

*Moderator: Bee Ling Poh, Horticultural Sciences, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Eric Simonne**, NE District Extension Director, UF-IFAS

**Aparna Gazula**, Alachua County Extension, UF-IFAS

\*\*Demonstration

**Sunday 10:30 - 12:00: Stone Fruit and Tropical Fruit Production**

*Moderator: **Linda Seals**, Brevard County Extension, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Jonathan Crane**, Tropical Research and Education Center, UF-IFAS

**Paul Miller**, Horticultural Sciences, UF-IFAS

**Sunday 2:00 - 3:30: Hydroponics for Small Farms**

*Moderator: **Robert Hochmuth**, North Florida Research and Education Center - Suwannee Valley, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Tim Carpenter**, Owner, Verti-Gro Systems, Summerfield, FL

**Tim Blank**, Future Growing, Inc., Altamonte Springs, FL

**Bob and Laura Braun**, Rest Haven Farms, Seminole County, FL

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## LIVESTOCK

**Saturday 10:30 - 12:00: Biosecurity and Farm Food Safety: Keeping the Farm, Animals and Consumers Safe**

*Moderator: **Angela McKenzie-Jakes**, Small Ruminant Program, FAMU-CESTA*

*Speakers:*

**Ray Mobley**, Director CESTA Cooperative Programs, FAMU-CESTA

**Keawin Sarjaent**, FAMU-CESTA

**Sally Williams**, DVM, Department of Animal Sciences, UF-IFAS

**Saturday 4:40 - 6:00: Pastured Poultry Enterprises: Beyond the Basics**

*Moderator: **Mark Warren**, Flagler County Extension, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Elena Toro**, Suwannee County Extension, UF-IFAS

**Brad Burbaugh**, Duval County Extension, UF-IFAS

**Linda Hart**, Crazy Hart Ranch, Fellsmere, FL

**Saturday 10:00 - 10:30 and 2:30 - 4:30: Live Animal Exhibits**

**Adam Riley**, Alpacas

**Lisa Deggors**, Llamas

**Beth Seely**, Meat Rabbits

**Carol Postley**, Hair and Florida Native Sheep  
**Julie Testerman**, Suffolk Sheep  
**Kim Clark Maran** – Heritage Breed Chickens

**Sunday 8:30 - 10:00: Grass-Fed Beef in Florida: What is the Potential?**

*Moderator: David Nistler, Clay County Extension, UF-IFAS*

*Panelists:*

**Christa Kirby**, Manatee County Extension, UF-IFAS  
**Gary and Sue Armoogan**, S. Marion Meats, Marion County, FL  
**Lee Windham**, 4 Arrows Ranch, Marion County, FL  
**Joe Walter**, Brevard County Extension, UF-IFAS  
**Mark Warren**, Flagler County Extension, UF-IFAS  
**Nola Wilson**, Marion County Extension, UF-IFAS

**Sunday 10:30 - 12:00: Choosing, Building and Repairing the Right Fence for Your Livestock**

*Moderator: Christa Kirby, Manatee County Extension UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Josh Brown**, Sparr Building and Farm Supply, Marion County, FL  
**Representative**, Sparr Building and Farm Supply, Marion County, FL  
**Norma Tillman**, Master Goat Producer, White Springs, FL

**Sunday 2:00 - 3:30: Health Care Management for Farm Animals: What's in Your Toolbox?**

*Moderator: Joe Walter, Brevard County Extension, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Thomas Eric Peterson**, DVM, Extension Veterinarian, FAMU  
**Angela McKenzie-Jakes**, FAMU-CESTA  
**David Nistler**, Clay County Extension, UF-IFAS

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**ORGANIC AND SUSTAINABLE FARMING**

**Saturday 10:30 - 12:00: Whole-Farm Pest Management**

*Moderator: **Stuart Weiss**, University of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix*

*Speakers:*

**Robert McSorley**, Entomology and Nematology, UF-IFAS

**Nancy Roe**, Green Cay Produce and Farming Systems Research Inc., Boyton Beach,

**Oscar Liburd**, Entomology and Nematology, UF-IFAS

**Dan Chellemi**, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) -Agricultural Research Service, Ft. Pierce, FL

**Saturday 4:30 - 6:00: Whole-Farm Nutrient Management**

*Moderator: **Aparna Gazula**, Alachua County Extension, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Danielle Treadwell**, Horticultural Sciences, UF-IFAS

**Jemy Hinton**, FL Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Best Management Practices Implementation Team, Wimauma, FL

**Chuck Obern**, C & B Farms, Clewiston, FL

**Monica Ozures-Hampton**, Southwest Florida Research and Education Center, UF-IFAS

**Sunday 8:30 - 10:00: Selecting, Sourcing and Applying Organic Inputs**

*Moderator: **Andy Vega**, Doctor of Plant Medicine Program, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

**Juan Carlos Rodriguez**, Florida Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc., Gainesville, FL

**Rose Koenig**, Rosie's Organic Farm and Agronomy, UF-IFAS

**Dan Ebbecke**, Certified Crop Advisor

**Sunday 10:30 - 12:00: The New Farm Bill - What's In It For You?**

*Moderator: **Juan Carlos Rodriguez**, Florida Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc., Gainesville, FL*

*Speakers:*

**Marty Mesh**, Florida Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc., Gainesville, FL

**Chuck O'Rourke**, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Kissimmee

**Sunday 2:00 - 3:30: How to Conduct Your Own On-Farm Research**

*Moderator: **Jim DeValerio**, Bradford County Extension, UF-IFAS*

**Mickie Swisher**, State Coordinator for the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program and Family, Youth, and Community Sciences, UF-IFAS

**Charles Semer**, Doctor of Plant Medicine Program, UF- IFAS

**Saturday 10:30 - 12:00: Local Food Systems Concepts and Projects**

*Moderator: **George Hochmuth**, Soil and Water Sciences, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

- Geoffrey Sagrans**, Localecopia Project, Palm Beach County, FL
- Rick Hawkins**, Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, FL
- Marty Mesh**, Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group
- Bruce Johnson**, Wilson Miller, Inc., Naples, FL

**Saturday 4:30 - 6:00: Local Food Systems Policy**

*Moderator: **George Hochmuth**, Soil and Water Sciences, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

- Frank McAninch**, Farmer and Executive Board Member, Community Farm Alliance, KY
- Nan Summers**, Florida House, Sarasota, FL
- Robert Kluson**, Sarasota County Extension, UF-IFAS
- Rose Koenig**, Rosie's Organic Farm, and Agronomy, UF-IFAS

**Sunday 8:30 - 10:00: Whole-Farm Risk Management**

*Moderator: **Ray Mobley**, Director CESTA Cooperative Programs, FAMU-CESTA*

*Speakers:*

- Dale Rackley**, USDA Risk Management, Valdosta, GA
- Amy Simonne**, Family Youth and Community Sciences, UF-IFAS
- Susan Bishop**, My Mother's Garden, Wimauma, FL & Member, SW Florida Small Farmer Network

**Sunday 10:30 - 12:00: Direct Marketing Regulations**

*Moderator: **Mickie Swisher**, Family, Youth and Community Sciences, UF-IFAS*

*Speakers:*

- Brad Burbaugh**, Duval County Extension, UF-IFAS
- Sam Williams**, Cognito Farm, Starke, FL
- Frankie Hall**, Florida Farm Bureau Association

**Sunday 2:00 - 3:30: Panel for Local Food System Development**

*Moderator: **Joan Dusky**, Associate Dean for Extension, UF-IFAS*

*Panelists:*

- Donna Reno**, Slow Food, Miami, FL
- John Matthews**, FL Community Farmers Market Association
- Preston Larus**, Weston Price Foundation
- Marty Mesh**, Florida Organic Growers and Consumers Inc.
- Sam Williams**, NE Florida Farmer to Farmer Network
- Peter Burkard**, SW Florida Small Farmer Network

**Florida Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Conference, August 1-2, 2009**

**Lance Rodan**, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services