The Northeast Florida Beef and Forage Group (NFBFG) will offer a workshop on Forage Management Basics at three different locations this spring (Alachua, Baker and Clay Counties). In addition, there will be a Pasture Management Field Day at the North Florida Research and Education Center– Suwannee Valley in Live Oak, FL to demonstrate techniques, products and equipment used during pasture establishment and management.

**TOPICS**

Overview of warm season and cool season forages, proper soil preparation, pasture establishment, understanding plant growth, stocking rates, liming and fertilization, equipment needed, weed control (weed ID, demonstration plots), setting up a rotational grazing system and maximizing forage quality.

**WORKSHOP LOCATIONS & DATES**

Time: 5:30 to 8 pm.
Fee: $10.00 (Meal and hand-outs will be provided).

March 4th, 2008. Alachua County Extension Office
2800 NE 39th Ave Gainesville, FL
To register contact Cindy Sanders at 352-955-2402.

March 6th, 2008. Baker County Extension Office
1025 W MacClenny Ave. MacClenny, FL
To register contact Mike Sweat at 904-259-3520.

March 11th, 2008. Clay County Extension Office
2463 SR 16 W Green Cove Springs, FL
To register contact David Nistler at 904-284-6355.

**PASTURE MANAGEMENT BASICS FIELD DAY**

April 5th, 2008. North Florida Research and Education Center– Suwannee Valley. 7580 CR 136 Live Oak, FL
Time: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.
Fee: $10.00 (Refreshments, lunch and hand-outs will be provided.)
To register call: (386)362-1725 ext.101 or (386)752-5384

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**Who needs to attend?**

- New/beginning farmers with an interest in raising livestock (cattle, goats, sheep, horses) in Northeast Florida.
- Producers with a strong interest in grass-fed livestock production.

**Did you know?**

- Forage is the basis of any animal production system in the State of Florida.
- Improved forages need to be managed to ensure forage quality and survival of plants.
- After 35 days of regrowth Bahiagrass losses most of its nutritive value.