

**UF/IFAS Offers Beef Cattle Reproductive Management School
October 8-11, 2012**

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Reproductive efficiency has long been recognized as the most important factor influencing the economic viability of commercial cattle operations. Good reproductive management can make the difference between profit and loss in a cow operation.

The UF/IFAS South Florida Beef Forage Team will be offering an intensive course in cow herd reproductive management designed for owners and operators of the beef cow herd on **October 8-11** in Lake Placid at Buck Island Ranch.

Participants will improve their understanding of the broad subject of breeding herd management and will be better equipped to work with their veterinarians in accomplishing breeding program objectives. Topics included in the course are: cattle handling, heifer development, bull selection, herd nutrition, forage management, reproductive physiology, herd health, calf husbandry, and performance records. While the topic of pregnancy diagnosis will be given extensive treatment, the school does not intend to make participants proficient in this skill. Rather, the goal is to improve understanding of the broad subject of breeding herd management that includes more than reproductive physiology but nutrition, genetics, health and various other facets of management that all have a direct effect on the breeding performance of the herd.

The fee for this three-day course is \$350. For more information and registration forms, please contact your local County Extension Agent or Bridget Carlisle at (863) 519-8677 Ext. 104 or bccarlis@ufl.edu. Registration deadline is **Friday, September 21st**.