Over the past several years, Florida has experienced tremendous growth in the number of people purchasing and moving to small farms and away from urban areas. Many are raising livestock as a source of wholesome food, for profit, or just for fun.

At the same time, many of these folks have little or no previous experience with livestock or ownership of larger properties. Many do not realize or are having difficulties with issues, problems and challenges that livestock ownership often entails.

This program is designed to help those who have just gotten started or are contemplating going into a livestock enterprise, to understand some of the ramifications and issues that may arise and how to avoid or perhaps handle these situations.

Registration fee for this school is **$10.00 if returned by October 15, 2009, and $20.00 if returned after October 15, 2009 or at the door.** Registration forms can be obtained by contacting one of the participating Extension Agents listed on the back of this brochure. Registrations should be returned to, and checks made payable to:

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### Agenda

- **8:00 A.M.** Registration and Introduction
- **9:15 A.M.** Florida Fence Law, Staying Out of Trouble
- **10:15 A.M.** The Liability Issues of Owning Animals and Agriculture Exemptions
- **11:00 A.M.** Break
- **11:15 A.M.** Ethical Responsibilities and Livestock Ownership
- **12:00 P.M.** Lunch
- **1:00 P.M.** Dealing with Weeds, Exotics and Invasive
- **2:00 P.M.** Break
- **2:15 P.M.** Environmental Quality Issues (Odor, flies, carcasses)
- **3:15 P.M.** Questions and Answers
- **4:00 P.M.** Evaluation and Dismissal

### Dates, times and locations are subject to change

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**Participating Specialists:**
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- UF Animal Science Dept., Gainesville: Dr. Matt Hersom
- UF Agronomy Dept., Gainesville: Dr. Yoana Newman

**Speakers**
- Randy Gornto - Highlands County Extension Livestock Agent
- Brent Sellers - UF/IFAS Weed Scientist, Range Cattle REC

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