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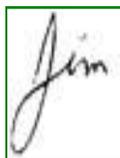
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What's new at your Extension office?

Hello Green Machine subscribers. It has been a long time since I have published a newsletter. I have finally finished my Master's Degree (hooray!) and I am looking forward to having more time to build my programs. As most of you know I work on agricultural, horticultural and community development program areas. During these past few months I have reflected on my program organization and pondered ways to deliver them more efficiently.

Over the next few months I will be working with my advisory board and shareholders from each program area to solidify plans for the next year and a half. If you have suggestions for educational programs you would like to see offered please contact me and I will bring them to the advisory boards attention during our planning meetings. Your input as a client is essential to the Land Grant University mission of extending University based, scientific information to the citizens of the state.

I am making a change with respect to the layout and delivery of the Green Machine Newsletter. There will be four versions—each tailored to either agriculture, homeowner horticulture, commercial horticulture or community development and they will be sent to respective clientele as they are needed.

Scheduled Workshops and Events

Be sure to review the workshops and events we have scheduled for the summer. I have included flyers for each, either by email or hard copy.

- ♦ **June 17 Growing Peppers Under Shade Farm Tour**
- ♦ **June 22 North Florida Small Farms Working Group**
- ♦ **July 19 Farm to Restaurant Workshop (Reserve soon!)**
- ♦ **July 31 - Aug 1 Statewide Small Farms Conference**

**Check out the new state sponsored, FREE marketing tool:
MARKET MAKER**

To find out more about all the programs your local Extension office offers visit our website at: <http://bradford.ifas.ufl.edu/>

North Central Florida Farm-to-Restaurant Workshop

Monday, July 19th, 10:00am-1:30pm

**Joe's Place Restaurant - 5109 NW 39th Ave, Gainesville
(Take Exit 390 off I-75, ~3 miles on right)**

This workshop is intended to foster business relationships by providing a forum for farmers, restaurants, and distributors to better understand each other's growing, selling, and purchasing needs.

Agenda:

Coffee, Pastries, Networking, Introductions

A Farmer's Perspective

Panel discussion on the farm-to-restaurant experience

Going Local

Panel discussion with restaurateurs who are working to source locally-grown food

Meeting Demand

Panel discussion with distributors on their efforts to provide local food & work with farmers

LUNCH - Third-Party Inspections and Market Maker Presentation

Enjoy a delicious lunch brought to you by our sponsors and learn more about what is involved with inspections and about a great new marketing tool

Post-workshop Networking, Door Prizes

Tables for literature displays will be available.

Maximum 50 attendees.

**For directions, more information, or to RSVP please contact Val Leitner:
Val@blueovenkitchens.org or 352.278.7518**

There is no charge for this workshop thanks to the following sponsors: Blue Oven Kitchens, Slow Food Gainesville, Joe's Place, The Jones, Hogtown Homegrown and the Gainesville Restaurant Group Catering

There will be a government services workshop hosted by the Bradford County Extension Service on June 22 at the Bradford County Extension Service from 5:30 to 8PM.

There are services available for farmers and forest land owners that can help in areas of financial and technical assistance. The goals of this workshop are bring these services to the attention of the public to promote a healthy and vigorous local farming and forest industries. Slated speakers and the topics they will present include:

Jimmy Alvarez, Bradford County Property Appraiser, will discuss agricultural exemptions.

Courtney Hooker, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission, will discuss funding opportunities for wildlife management.

John Eubanks, Farm Service Agency, will speak on Farm Service Agency Farm Loan Programs: The types of direct and guaranteed farm loans available to beginning and established farmers who cannot qualify for conventional loans because they have insufficient financial resources. In addition we will discuss our Emergency loan program to assist established farmers who have suffered financial setbacks from natural disasters.

Mark Carlton, Farm Service Agency, will talk about the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP). This program kicks in when participating producers suffer more than a 50% loss in production due to unusual weather conditions. NAP is meant to bridge the gap between crops that are covered by traditional insurance and those that are not.

Nicole Howard, Florida Division of Forestry, provides landowners with technical advice on the management of their forestland in order to help them meet their goals and objectives. She will discuss cost share and incentive programs used to help landowners pay for needed forest management activities. Two programs coming soon are the Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program and the Pilot Cogongrass Treatment Cost-Share.

Jim DeValerio, Bradford County Agricultural Extension Agent, will discuss **FREE** educational services offered by the University of Florida and the Bradford County Commissioners to the citizens of Bradford County.

Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau, will talk about the benefits farmers gain from becoming members of the Farm Bureau.

Hugh Thomas will provide an overview of the Suwannee River Partnership. The partnership is comprised of government agencies and private interest groups with a common goal of assisting landowners to implement best management practices to conserve water and improve water quality in the Suwannee and Santa Fe River Watersheds.

Donna Hopwood, Natural Resources & Conservation, will talk about Conservation programs that provide technical and financial incentives for conserving natural resources and promoting wildlife habitat on privately owned land.

Daryl Cooper, USDA Rural Development, will provide an overview of USDA community development resources available to homeowners and communities.

There will also be time for questions and networking.

This program and supper are free. Please RSVP so we know how much chili to prepare. Call the Division of Forestry, Bradford County Forester at (904) 964-2461 or Bradford County Extension Office (904) 966-6299 to RSVP. Please share this announcement with others who may be interested.

FSHN10-02/FS150 Food Safety on the Farm: Good Agricultural Practices and Good Handling Practices—Manure and Municipal Biosolids

FSHN10-02, a 4-page fact sheet by Keith R. Schneider, Renée Goodrich-Schneider, and Alexandra Chang, is part of the Food Safety on the Farm series. It focuses on GAPs and GHPs relating specifically to manure and municipal biosolids. Includes references. Published by the UF Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, May 2010.

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fs150>

HS1164 Microgreens: A New Specialty Crop

HS1164, a 3-page illustrated fact sheet by Danielle D. Treadwell, Robert Hochmuth, Linda Landrum, and Wanda Laughlin, provides an overview of this new type of market crop and its production. Includes references. Published by the UF Department of Horticultural Sciences, May 2010.

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/hs1164>

HS1169 Maximizing the Efficacy of Soil Fumigant Applications for Raised Bed Plasticulture Systems of Florida

HS1169, a 5-page fact sheet by Andrew MacRae, Joseph Noling, and Crystal Snodgrass, describes several factors in crop production that should be considered to maximize the efficacy of alternatives to methyl bromide. Published by the UF Department of Horticultural Sciences, April 2010.

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/hs1169>

HS1172 Florida Pusley Biology and Control in Fruiting Vegetables, Cucurbits, and Small Fruits

HS1172, a 3-page illustrated fact sheet by Andrew W. MacRae, describes this drought-resistant annual with hairy leaves and stems that is common in row middles, strawberry production fields, and organic mulch for highbush blueberries — classification, seedling identification, mature plant, management considerations, and classical control. Includes reference. Published by the UF Department of Horticultural Sciences, May 2010.

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/hs1172>

PP272 Integrated Management of Southern Blight in Vegetable Production

PP272, a 6-page illustrated fact sheet by Chenzhao Xie and Gary Vallad, guides vegetable growers to recognize and manage this serious fungal disease affecting diverse crops grown around the world, especially in tropical and subtropical regions — symptoms and signs, pathogen biology, disease cycle, epidemiology and integrated management. Includes references. Published by the UF Department of Plant Pathology, March 2010.

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pp272>

FE828 Complying with Regulations to Sell Farm Fresh Eggs

FE828, a 4-page illustrated fact sheet by Brad Burbaugh, Elena Toro, Linda Landrum, George Harrison, John Fruin, and Allen Wysocki, provides an overview of the steps necessary to comply with Florida's existing regulations for selling eggs which are overseen by FDACS. Published by the UF Department of Food and Resource Economics, February 2010.

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fe828>

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