

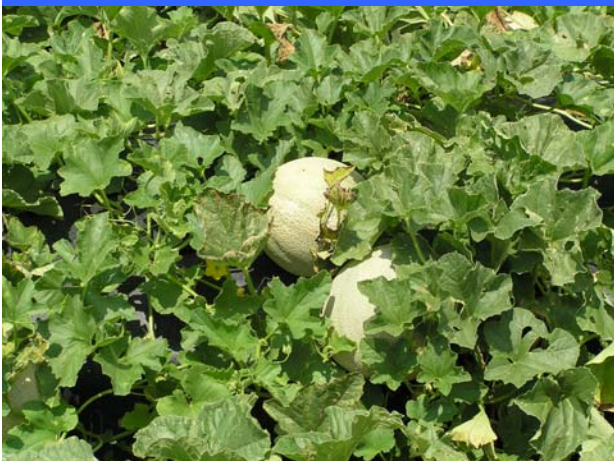


# Producer Resource Workshop

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# University of Florida

- Teaching
- Research
- Extension



# Extension

- 4 program areas
  - Agriculture
    - Vegetable and Fruit Crops
    - Animals
    - Small Farms
  - Environmental Horticulture
    - Homeowner
    - FI Yards & Neighborhoods
  - Family & Consumer Science
    - Parenting
    - Nutrition
    - EFNEP
    - Money Programs
    - Greenbuilding & Energy
  - 4-H
    - Youth programs



# State Level

- EDIS- Electronic Data Information Source
- System to find publications from UF
- Many topics
- <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>



- ▶ Topics
- ▶ Feature Pages
- ▶ Departments & Programs
- ▶ Authors
- ▶ Frequent Users

### Recent New and Revised Publications

#### WEC250/UW295 Gopher Frogs, Burrows, and Fire: Interactions in the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem

WEC-250, a 5-page illustrated fact sheet by Elizabeth A. Roznik and Steve A. Johnson, helps land stewards understand the relationships between fire, burrowing animals, and the animals that use burrows, such as the gopher frog. Includes references. Published by the UF Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, February 2009.

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/UW295>

#### AE437 Smart Irrigation Controllers: How Do Soil Moisture Sensor (SMS) Irrigation Controllers Work?

### What is EDIS?

EDIS is the Electronic Data Information Source of UF/IFAS Extension, a collection of information on topics relevant to you.

[More...](#)

### Additional IFAS Sites

[College of Agricultural and Life](#)

# State level

- Small Farms Website
  - Many topics devoted to small farms
  - <http://smallfarms.ifas.ufl.edu/>
  - Small Farms Alternative Enterprise Conference- Aug 1&2, 2009, Kissimmee
  - <http://smallfarms.ifas.ufl.edu/floridasmallfarmsconference/index.htm>



# Small Farms Alternative Enterprises

SOLUTIONS  
for *your* LIFE

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▶ **Planning & Management**

Getting Started, Farm Safety, Farmers' Markets, Legal Aspects, Marketing, Postharvest Handling, Success Stories

▶ **Livestock & Forages**

Livestock, Forages

▶ **Crops**

Agronomics, Flowers & Foliage, Fruits & Nuts, Herbs, Hydroponics, Ornamentals, Vegetables, Wildflowers



**Microgreens**



**August 1 & 2, 2009**  
**Sustaining Small Farms;**


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Address: <http://smallfarms.ifas.ufl.edu/>

- Forestry, Tourism, Wildlife & Hunting
- ▶ **Freshwater Aquaculture & Farm Ponds**
  - Aquatic Weed Management, Farm Ponds, Fish Production, Pond & Lakefront Revegetation, Recreational & Youth Fishing
- ▶ **Organic Production**
  - National Organic Program, The Organic System Plan, Marketing, Vegetables, Fruit, Citrus, Livestock, Pest Management, Fertility, Soil, & Irrigation Management, Cover Crops & Forages
- ▶ **Other Enterprises**


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 **Starting a Successful Hydroponic Business**


Hydroponic Controlled Growing Systems for Locally Grown Products, **ORIGINAL CLASS IS FULL, ALTERNATE DATE NOW OFFERED, March 18 & 19**, call Karen for details (386) 362-1725 x101. [More...](#)

 **IFAS Farm Pocket Notebook**

This **Farm Pocket Notebook** contains record forms and information. [More...](#)

 **Alternative Farm Enterprise Conference**

Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Wakulla County Extension Office in Crawfordville Florida. [More...](#)

 **Virtual Field Day**

The Virtual Field Day is a new

Internet

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# Florida Small Farms Alternative Enterprises Conference



<http://smallfarms.ifas.ufl.edu>

**"Sustaining Small Farms; Strengthening Florida's Communities"**

**August 1 & 2, 2009**

**Osceola Heritage Park, Kissimmee  
Florida**

# Local Level

- Hillsborough County Extension Office,  
Seffner- 813-744-5519
- Agents in all 4 areas
- Ag Agents- Commercial Production
  - Vegetables & Fruits- Alicia Whidden ext. 134
  - Ornamental Nursery Production- Shawn Steed ext. 147
  - Forestry- Rob Northrop ext. 106
  - Citrus- Chris Oswalt Multi-County Agent  
863-519-8677 ext 108

# Extension's Role

- Educate growers with BMPs and new technology information
- Create & educate growers on a personal management plan tailored to their individual farm production system
- Educate Government Agencies with technical information on grower practices and needs of growers and impacts of Agency regulations on the Industry

# Extension's Role

- Design & Teach Educational Programs on production issues and government regulations
- Publish newsletters to keep growers informed of latest research, crop production issues, government regulations and upcoming meetings

Thank You!

