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Overall responsibility for administration and leadership of Extension programs in Animal Science Coordination of Extension programs with teaching, research, and international programs. Budget and personnel recommendations for Extension to Extension Administration. Participation in Extension activities at county, state, and national levels.

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This position involves a coordination responsibility for livestock/forage extension programs in the major beef production region of south Florida. Specific efforts involve a close working relationship with state faculty, county extension faculty, government agencies, and allied industry representatives. John Arthington's personal extension program involves the education of producers on cost-effective methods for supplementing grazing beef cows. Special emphasis is placed on the impacts of nutrition and management on stress resistance, immune competence, and reproductive and growth performance.

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Specialties

- Beef Cattle/General
- Beef Cattle/Management
- Beef Cattle/Nutrition

David R. Bray

Extension Agent IV - Milking Management (100% Extension)

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Development of extension educational programs and materials related to mastitis prevention and milking management. Provide educational programs in milking machine operation and maintenance and provide state-wide leadership for extension educational programs related to climate modification of heat stress in dairy cows.

Specialties

- Milking Management
- Mastitis
- Heat Stress
- Dairy Labor Management

Chad Carr

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Duties include serving as coordinator for Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point Systems (HACCP) training to meat and poultry processors in the state of Florida. Additionally, works to provide educational programs in meat and livestock evaluation to youth and to food service personnel relative to food safety and quality.

Specialties

- USDA Food Regulations
- Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point Systems
- Niche Marketing Programs
- Fresh Meat Quality
- Youth Programs in Meats and Livestock

Albert de Vries

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Provide leadership for development, analysis, and educational programs in dairy systems management.

Specialties

- Dairy Systems Management
- Culling and Replacement
- Statistical Process Control
- Economics of Reproduction
- Farm Financial Analysis

G. Cliff Lamb

Associate Professor - Beef Cattle Specialist (35% Extension)

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This position involves a coordination responsibility for livestock extension programs in the beef production region of north Florida. Specific efforts involve working relationships with state faculty, county extension faculty, government agencies, and allied industry representatives. Cliff Lamb's personal extension program involves the education of producers on development of efficient, economic, reproductive strategies that include artificial insemination, new technologies, and differences in reproductive performance among breeds.

Specialties

- Beef Cattle/General
- Beef Cattle/Management

- Beef Cattle/Reproduction

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Provide leadership for University of Florida beef cattle extension efforts. Extension efforts include ruminant nutrition, cow-calf production, and forage utilization. Emphasis areas include supplementation, grazing, and nutrition-reproduction interaction. Leader of the Florida Beef Cattle Short Course, assist with Florida Beef Quality Assurance program. Write publications and create presentations covering beef cattle management, nutrition, grazing, and feedstuff utilization.

Specialties

- Beef Cattle/General
- Beef Cattle/Nutrition
- Beef Cattle/Production Management
- Pasture/Grazing Management
- Forage/Analysis

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Liaison with horse industry. Leadership of Extension Horse Program. Conducts clinics, schools, and demonstrations for youth and adults. Writes publications pertaining to horse production and management. Works with Horse Advisory Council, Latin American Short Course, various breed associations, and Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships. Supervise 4-H Horse Programs-Horse Championship. Supervise 4-H Horse Programs-HorsemanSHIP Schools, shows, and national 4-H contests. On Executive Committee for Eastern National 4-H Roundup and the American Youth Horse Council.

Specialties

- Horse/Nutrition
- Horse/Production/Management
- Horse/Raising/Care (4-H)
- Horse/Raising/Care

Robert O. Myer

Professor - Livestock Nutrition (20% Extension)

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Assists with livestock nutrition (beef cattle and swine) and swine production extension efforts. Expertise in alternative feedstuffs for livestock.

Specialties

- Livestock Nutrition
- Swine Production
- Alternative Feeds
- Food Waste

Charles R. Staples

Professor - Nutritional Influences on Reproduction
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Develop and implement extension educational material and programs for county faculty and dairy producers for effective forage feeding programs for dairy animals.

Specialties

- Dairy Nutrition
- Forage Management

Saundra H. TenBroeck

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Provide leadership of extension agents, ag teachers, and training programs in Animal Science. Provide leadership and expansion of Animal Science youth projects and activities—curriculum development and coordination. Recruit Animal Science students. Write publications for project guides, lessons, and leader guides. Assist with conduct of livestock judging contests, shows, field days, and clinics. Develop visual aids to be used in training youth and/or adults. Responsible for statewide adult and youth equine education. Conduct programs for county faculty and equine clientele. Develop support material for equine education at the youth and adult level. Serve nationally through Regional, National, and American Youth Horse Council.

Specialties

- Horse/Reproduction
- Horse/Management
- Horse Selection/Evaluation
- Horse Youth Programming

Todd A. Thrift

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Primarily responsible for programmatic efforts in National Animal ID and Beef Quality Assurance.

Specialties

- Beef Cattle Management
- Quality Assurance
- Beef Cattle Identification and Tracking
- Heifer Development

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Professor - Dairy Records Management and System
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Leadership for Dairy Herd Improvement (DHI) programs in Florida and Georgia that includes operation, education, and research and development.

Provide information derived from DHI record information to dairy farm owners and managers and develop dairy production educational material from DHI information.

Specialties

- Dairy Record Systems
- Dairy Management