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When?
3rd Tuesday of the Month
Beginning January 18, 2011

Time?
7:00-8:30 PM

Location?
Columbia County Extension Office

Why Attend this Program?
This monthly program is designed as an introduction to basic production techniques on a wide variety of topics from pasture management and livestock production to growing vegetables and alternative enterprises. As you consider your options for your farm, learn what is involved and get the resources available to help you be successful.

Who Should Attend?
The “Living on a Few Acres” program is designed to provide information to individuals interested in beginning or improving a small scale agricultural operation. Whether you are producing food for your family or looking to receive income from your property, these series of classes has something to offer.
Living on a Few Acres Program Schedule

January 18
Small Farm Management
Getting Started and Finding your Market

February 15
Alternative Enterprises
Information on other enterprises: Beekeeping, Shiitake mushrooms, Hydroponics and other topics

March 15
Producing Vegetable Crops
Introduction to growing vegetables, irrigation, integrated pest management, weed and insect control

April 19
Backyard Flock: Growing Poultry
Information on breeds, nutrition, health, and housing

May 17
Optimize Pasture and Grazing Management
Are you a grass farmer? Learn how to manage your pasture or establish a new pasture

June 21
Beef and Small Ruminant Production
Information on different enterprises for beef cattle and what it takes to raise goats and sheep

July 19
Pond Management
Learn stocking rate, water quality, identification of common aquatic weeds and various treatment options

August 16
Equine Management
Learn the basics of nutrition and health including vaccination, de-worming, and dental care

September 20
Organic Production
The organic system plan: Learn the standards for organic production

October 18
Fruits and Nuts
Information on production of high value alternative fruit and nut crops for local and niche markets

November 15
Wildlife Habitat
Interested in viewing the beauty of nature? Learn how to provide food, water, cover, and a place to raise their young. Become a NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat

December 20
Marketing and Value Added Products
Learn how to use Florida MarketMaker to market your product and ways to take advantage of value adding opportunities

Enrollment Deadline
January 11, 2011

Registration Fee
$10 for individual and $15 for couples
*Notebook and materials provided

Registration Form
Please fill out the form below and mail to address at the bottom with your payment

Name(s) ________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________
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City ______________________ Zip __________
Phone ________________________________________________
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Amount Enclosed $ _______________

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