Embrace opportunities and boost profits by attending the 6th Annual Florida Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Conference On August 1-2, 2014
Early Registration Deadline: July 21, 2014

Gainesville, FL: The University of Florida’s (UF) Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) and Florida A&M University’s (FAMU) Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Focus Team are pleased to announce that the sixth annual Florida Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Conference will be held in Kissimmee, Florida August 1-2.

Through educational sessions led by farmers, industry experts and noted researchers from Florida and across the nation, the annual Florida Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Conference provides opportunities for attendees to learn about groundbreaking research and access educational support on a range of important topics for organic and conventional specialty crops (fruits and vegetables), livestock, and greenhouse hydroponic systems.

Our goal is to provide interactive programming that puts new tools and information in your pocket for your immediate use on farm in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Some of this year’s sessions include:

- Managing a Successful Online Market
- Alternative Fruit Production
- Postharvest Handling and Cooling of Specialty Crops
- Hydroponic Nutrient Management for the South
- Transitioning to USDA Organic Certification: The Benefits, Challenges, and Processes
- What’s Bugging You? Identifying Insects and Diseases
- Safe Handling of Dressed Poultry
- Weed Identification and Management
- Develop and Implement a Fertility Plan in Certified Organic & Sustainable Vegetable Systems and Soil Health for the Tropics/Subtropics
- Handling Beef Cattle: How to Work Cows Properly
- From Hobby Farm to a Profitable Florida Goat Industry And many more!

This year’s conference also includes:

- Optional Pre-Conference Tours: Urban Farming (Full), Farm to Chef Tours (limited availability) and Livestock Tour Innovative Farmer Awards
- Signature Luncheon - Florida’s Finest: A Celebration of Local Food
- Educational Posters
- Large Exhibition Showcasing Products and Technologies
- A new hydroponic and urban agriculture exhibition area named “The Extension Learning Zone”
- Networking Opportunities

Check out the agenda, session descriptions and register online at http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/smallfarms

For more information on this year’s Conference, contact Mandy Stage, Conference Coordinator, or contact Jose Perez at 352-294-1692 https://www.facebook.com/FL.SFAEC