Water Quality Best Management Practices

- BMPs are practical, cost-effective actions that agricultural producers can take to reduce the amount of pesticides, fertilizers, animal waste, and other pollutants entering our water resources.
- BMPs are designed to benefit water quality while maintaining or even enhancing agricultural production.
- Implementing BMPs benefits both the farmer and the environment, and demonstrates Agriculture’s commitment to water resource protection.
- Implementing BMPs provides a presumption of compliance with state water quality standards.

Thursday, March 18th, 2010 at 2:00pm

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This seminar is offered to cattle producers and forest operators to increase awareness, provide tools for implementing, and increase participation in cow-calf and forestry best management practices. The program is a collaborative effort between the UF/IFAS Extension Service, the Florida Department of Forestry, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Agricultural Water Policy, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Program Schedule

2:00 Welcome and Introductions, Carrie Kotal, FDOF Polk County Forester
2:10 An Introduction to Silviculture Best Management Practices, Robin Holland, FL DOF BMP Forester
3:00 An Introduction to Cow-Calf Best Management Practices, Jessica Stempien, FDACS Office of Agricultural Water Policy
  - Benefits of enrollment
  - TMDLs and BMAPs explained
3:45 Break
4:00 Water Quality Standards and BMPs, Jemy Hinton, UF/IFAS BMP Coordinator
  - Obtaining Presumption of Compliance
  - Key BMPs
  - How to Participate in BMP Program
4:45 BMPs for Pastures, Bridget Carlisle, UF/IFAS Polk County Extension
  - Prescribed Grazing
  - High Intensity Grazing
5:15 Conservation Management, Ed Sheehan, NRCS District Conservationist
  - Nutrient Management
  - Alternative Water Sources
  - Conservation Plans
6:00 Question & Answer Session with Dinner

Registration

In order for us to plan accordingly, please register no later than Friday, March 12th. Free registration.

Name: ___________________________
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Please call, fax, mail or email your registration no later than Friday, March 12th, to:
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