
Forest Stewardship Workshop and In-service Training: *Pine Straw Production*



October 22, 2010; 8:30 am – 3:00 pm ET

UF-IFAS Suwannee Valley Research and Education Center

7580 CR 136, Live Oak, FL 32060-7434

The pine straw industry in Florida represents a \$79 million industry and annual revenues to landowners can exceed \$300 per acre per year for a period of five years, or more, when managed properly. This workshop, led by Dr. Patrick Minogue, will present information on appropriate pine species, planting density, fertilization, weed control practices, and raking frequency to optimize straw revenues while sustaining site resources and protecting water quality. We will also present information on marketing pine straw from the farm-gate perspective.

A four-hour training session will be held at the Suwannee Valley NFREC, which is in the heart of Florida's pine straw industry. There will be a three hour indoor session which will be available by Polycom. This will be followed by a one hour field tour at the Suwannee Valley NFREC to review on-going, long-term research trials and present specific research results. Agenda on second page

A \$10 Registration fee covers the cost of lunch and a materials notebook.

Register: Cost is \$10 per person, lunch and materials included. Please register by calling Karen at Hancock at the UF-IFAS Suwannee Valley REC (386) 362-1725 x.101. Payment can be made at the door with a check, payable to University of Florida. Agenda and directions to the office are on the back. Please share this announcement with others who may be interested.



Agenda

9:00-9:10	Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Pat Minogue, UF
9:10-9:40	Pine Straw Production in North Florida Overview of plantation establishment, vegetation management, fertilization, raking methods, and expected yields for various raking regimes and species.	Pat Minogue
9:40-10:10	Landowner perspectives Discussion of pine straw production from the perspective of the private forest landowner.	Tommye D. Collins Landowner and Pine Straw Producer
10:10-10:25	Break, refreshments provided	
10:25-10:40	County Forester's Perspective Current pine straw trends in the Suwannee County area and available resources.	Brian Cobble Senior Forester, Div. of Forestry
10:25-10:55	Producer's perspective Expectations of landowners in straw production, ways we can work together to produce better profits.	John Lacquey Alex Winnetee Lacquey Pine Straw
10:55-11:30	Changes in labor law and application to forestry and pine straw operations Changes in labor laws, including the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), the Migrant and Seasonal Workers Protection Act (FLSA), and other US DOL regulations relative to forestry practices will be discussed.	Dan Bremer AgWorks, Inc.
11:30-12:00	Economic considerations: integration of pine straw revenues and timber yields We will present discounted cash flow analyses to illustrate economic returns for various straw and timber production scenarios.	Pat Minogue
12:00-12:45	Catered lunch at the Center	
12:45-2:00	Field tour of pine straw research plots Review on-going research with loblolly, slash, and longleaf pine comparing tree growth, needle yields, and tree nutrient status in raked vs. un-raked stands with and without fertilization.	Dr. Anna Osiecka Pat Minogue
1:45-2:00	Exit performance survey and adjourn	

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