

"Planting Wildlife Food Plots" Field Update

Aucilla Plantation – Barwick (Thomas County) Georgia

Friday 6 November 2009 ♦ 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

2009 Florida-Georgia Extension Game Management Update Series

Schedule

Sign-in, Coffee, Relax and visit in the morning air (equipment shed)

30 min (8:30 – 9:00 AM)

Overview (physical layout/ hydrologic situation; history of land ownership, land use, and present timber stands; landowner objectives for game) [1]

10 min (~9:00 – 9:10 AM)

Speakers: Hunter Drew (Aucilla Plantation Manager) [1]

Stop #1 (timeline of cultivating, soil testing, liming and planting your food plot [1]; recommended cool season forages & blends [2,3])

40 min (~9:20 – 10:00 AM)

Speakers: Hunter Drew (Aucilla Plantation Manager) [1]

Ann Blount (UF/IFAS-North Florida Research & Education Center, Quincy, Forage Geneticist & Breeder) [2]

Steve Olson (UF/IFAS-North Florida Research & Education Center, Quincy, Vegetable Horticulturalist) [3]

Stop #2 (identifying [1] & managing natural vegetation for game using herbicides [2], disking and mowing [3])

15 min (~10:00 – 10:15 AM)

Speakers: Will Sheftall (University of Florida Extension Natural Resources Agent, Leon Co) [1]

David Morehead (University of Georgia Extension Forestry Specialist, Tifton) [2]

Hunter Drew (Aucilla Plantation Manager) [3]

Stop #3 (understanding soils [1,2]; upland clay soils characteristics [1,2] which affect food plot performance & forage selection [3]; food plot fertilization on clay soils [3]; controlling food plot weeds with herbicides [4])

40 min (~10:20 – 11:00 AM)

Speakers: Phil Smith (USDA-NRCS District Conservationist for Thomas-Brooks, Thomasville) [1]

Stan Rosenthal (University of Florida Extension Forestry Agent, Leon Co) [2]

Steve Olson (UF/IFAS-North Florida Research & Education Center, Quincy, Vegetable Horticulturalist) [3]

RJ Byrne (University of Georgia Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent, Thomas Co) [4]

Stop #4 (wet soils characteristics [1,2] which affect food plot performance & forage selection [3]; food plot fertilization on wet soils [3])

20 min (~11:05 – 11:25 PM)

Speakers: Phil Smith (USDA-NRCS District Conservationist for Thomas-Brooks, Thomasville) [1]

Stan Rosenthal (University of Florida Extension Forestry Agent, Leon Co) [2]

Steve Olson (UF/IFAS-North Florida Research & Education Center, Quincy, Vegetable Horticulturalist) [3]

Stop #5 (sandy soils characteristics [1,2] which affect food plot performance & forage selection [3]; food plot fertilization on sandy soils [3])

20 min (~11:30 – 11:50 PM)

Speakers: Phil Smith (USDA-NRCS District Conservationist for Thomas-Brooks, Thomasville) [1]

Stan Rosenthal (University of Florida Extension Forestry Agent, Leon Co) [2]

Steve Olson (UF/IFAS-North Florida Research & Education Center, Quincy, Vegetable Horticulturalist) [3]

Stop #6 (food plot siting, sizing and segmentation [1,2] for maximum benefit to your targeted game species [3])

25 min (~11:55 – 12:20 PM)

Speakers: Will Sheftall (University of Florida Extension Natural Resources Agent, Leon Co) [1]

Holly Ober (Extension Wildlife Specialist, North Florida Research & Education Center, Quincy) [2]

Bill Giuliano (Extension Wildlife Specialist, UF-IFAS Dept of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, Gainesville) [3]

Lunch (Aucilla equipment shed; bring your own camp chair or use your tailgate)

30 min (12:30 – 1:00 PM)