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WE NEED FLOWER POT DONATIONS!

The UF/IFAS Extension Office is available to help you with your farming, gardening, landscaping, and 4-H youth development needs by providing educational programming, free consultations and information. Contact us at:

UF/IFAS Extension Baker County

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Hours: M—F 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (Closed Noon to 1:00 pm for Lunch)

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Check out our Livestock
Google Site!

Programs & Events

- April 4 **Landowner Financial Assistance Expo**, April 4, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Farm & forestry financial assistance programs. Meet with agencies offering cost-share & other assistance. \$10 [Register here.](#)
- April 27 **Orchard Field Day**, April 27, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. Sessions will cover fruit crop diversification options including persimmon, blueberry, blackberry, citrus, elderberry, passionfruit, and roselle. Free! [Register here.](#)
- May 18 **Grape Field Day**, May 18, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. Free! Please RSVP by May 12th. [Register here.](#)
- May 19 **Introductory Tractor Driving & Safety Course**, May 19, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Designed for beginning drivers. Includes hands-on instruction with tractors and implements of all sizes. \$75 [Register here.](#)
- Online **Growing Strawberries** (Self-Paced Course – Free!) [Register here.](#)
- Online **Growing Blueberries & Blackberries** (Self-Paced Course – Free!) [Register here.](#)
- Online **Selling Backyard Poultry Products** (Self-Paced, Online Course) [Register here.](#)
- Online **Backyard Chicken Class** (Self-Paced, Online Course) [Register here.](#)

Barnyard Bulletin

By:
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Raising Backyard Poultry



It's that time of year again when everyone wants to buy a few chicks. There are some critical steps to ensuring you are successful with your backyard poultry for many years to come. You should focus primarily on proper nutrition, housing, and breed selection so you'll have cartons full of eggs!

Chicken Feed

In most cases, it is best to purchase a commercial blend of chicken feed. This could be a product from big companies like Purina, Dummor, Producer's Pride, or a local feed mill, like Hillandale's in Lake Butler. These feeds make sure your chickens have all of the proper nutrition they need to lay good quality eggs each day. Even free-range chickens should have a supplemental feed available as foraging often does not provide all of the nutrients they need to maintain egg laying.

Housing

Housing environments can make or break your chickens. Make sure chickens have a clean, safe environment to live in. Moisture is bad news for chickens & their sensitive respiratory systems, so use proper bedding and clean the coop often. If it smells to you, it also smells to them! Keep nest boxes clean so you'll have clean eggs. I highly suggest having some type of roll-away nest box to keep your eggs safe. Eggs laying in the nest box for an extended period of time are susceptible to pecking & eating by curious/bored chickens.

Popular Egg Laying Breeds



Breed	Feather Color	Egg Color
Rhode Island Red	Light to Dark Red	Brown
White Leghorn	White	White
Sussex	Variety of Feather Colors	Brown
Barred Rock	Black/White stripe like	Brown
Welsummer	Brown/Gold	Speckled Brown Eggs
Wyandottes	Each feather laced	Brown
Maran	Variety	Dark Chocolate Brown
Easter Eggers	Variety	Blue/Green



EXPLORE 2023 SUMMER CAMPS

The World with 4H!



GPA to 401k

June 5-9 Ages 13-18

Cost: \$60

This camp will help youth explore their options for life after high school. Participants will visit and meet with various technical, collegiate, and military agencies to learn what opportunities are available after graduation.

Florida Through the Times

June 26-30

Ages 8-12

Cost: \$60

Explore Florida's history first-hand! Participants will travel all around North Florida and learn how the Florida we know came to be.

The Meat We Eat

July 10-13

Ages 10-18

Cost: \$60

Come explore the agriculture industry in this Farm-to-Family experience. Participants will see the many facets of animal agriculture and enjoy some tasty meat!

Space Explorers

July 17-20

Ages 8-12

Cost: \$75

Explore to infinity and beyond! Youth will explore space from many different points of views. Youth will do experiments, visit a planetarium, and visit Kennedy Space Center.

Participants will need to bring a lunch each day, unless specified. Snacks and water will be supplied. Transportation will be provided. Payment (due 2 weeks prior to camp) secures registration. Cash or check at the Baker County Extension Office or credit card online at [Eventbrite](#). Call 904-259-3520 or email slbennett@ufl.edu for more information.

4-H Club Meetings & Events

- April 3 – 4pm, Cloverbuddies Club, 4-H Classroom
- April 13– 6pm, New Member Meeting, Ag. Center Auditorium
- April 19– 4-H Day at the Capitol; Tallahassee. LEAVING at 6:00am
- April 25 – 6pm, Livestock Club, Ag. Center Auditorium
- May 8– COUNTY EVENTS– In person Deadline to register May 1st through 4-H online.

Extension Tidbits

4-H is doing a fundraiser with World Honey Market to help fund camps, picnic tables, and more!

Please see a 4-H member or go to [GOT HONEY](#) to place an order online!

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Fundraiser



Scan for online Catalog!

We need flower pot donations!

Bring us your plastic nursery pots, clay pots, and hanging baskets and we will reuse them!

Drop off inside the office, at the front door, or place over the fence near the sidewalk.



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