

2015 Tentative Schedule for the Master Farmer Program

Florida A&M University (FAMU)

Cooperative Extension Program

DATE & TIME	TOPICS
Friday 3/13/2015	Session I – Business Basics
9:00am – 9:40am	On –site Registration
9:40am – 9:50am	Welcome
9:50am – 10:05am	About the Program
10:05am – 10:35am	<i>Pre-Test</i>
10:35am – 10:50am	<i>Break</i>
10:50am – 11:20pm	Goal Setting
11:20pm – 12:00pm	Creating a Business Plan
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00pm – 1:40pm	The Essentials of Record Keeping and Enterprise Budgets
1:40pm -2:20pm	Financial Management
2:20pm – 2:35pm	<i>Break</i>
2:35pm – 3:15pm	Marketing (e.g., social media)
3:15pm – 3:45pm	Climate Change and Implications for Agriculture
Saturday 3/14/2015	Session II – Risk Management
9:00am – 9:15am	What is Risk Management?
9:15am – 10:15am	Legal Issues & Risks and Filing Taxes
10:15am – 10:55am	Food Safety – Cottage Laws
10:55am – 11:10am	<i>Break</i>
11:10am – 12:00pm	Farm Succession Plans/ Estate Planning
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Risk Management for Livestock
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Risk Management for Crop Producers
Friday 3/27/2015	Session III– Leadership
9:00am – 10:00am	Leadership and Development
10:00am – 11:00am	Cooperative Development
11:00am – 12:00pm	Grant Writing
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Governmental Programs for Farmers
Saturday 3/28/2015	Session IV – Computer Technology
9:00am – 10:00am	Computer and Printer Basics
10:00am – 12:00am	Microsoft Word Basics
11:15am – 11:30am	<i>Break</i>
11:30am – 12:00pm	Excel – Spreadsheets
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00pm – 2:30pm	1 Accessing the Internet

Friday 4/10/15	Session V – Farm Equipment & Safety	
9:00am – 10:45am	Biosecurity: Sanitary Measures/Disease Prevention and Control	
10:45am – 11:00am	<i>Break</i>	
11:00am – 12:00am	Fertilizers: Application and Rates	
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00pm – 2:45pm	Safety Procedures During Chemical Application	
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Calibrating Spray Equipment	
Saturday 4/11/2015	Session VI – Track Options	
A	Small Ruminant Production and Management	Refer to Master Goat and Sheep Certification Schedule
B	Crop Production	Refer to page 3 of this document
C	Beef Cattle Production	Refer to page 4 of this document
Saturday 6/6/2015	Program Graduation – Held during FAMU’s Farm Festival	

Beef Cattle Production Session

DATE & TIME	TOPICS
Friday 4/11/2015	Cattle Session I
9:00am – 9:45am	Beef Cattle Industry
9:45am – 10:45am	Selecting and Evaluating Breeding Stock
10:45am – 11:00am	<i>Break</i>
11:00am – 12:00pm	Herd Health for Beef Cattle
Saturday 4/12/2015	Cattle Session II
	Nutrition Management for Cattle
	Pasture Management for Cattle
	<i>Break</i>
	Poisonous Plants for Livestock
	<i>Lunch</i>
	Reproduction Management
	Facilities for Beef Cattle
Saturday 6th, 2015	Graduation Ceremony

Crop Production

DATE & TIME	TOPICS
Friday 3/13/2015	Crop Session I
9:00am – 9:45am	Plant and Physiology
9:45am – 9:55am	Nature and Properties of Plants
9:55am – 10:10am	<i>Break</i>
10:50am – 11:35am	Crop Selection and Seasonality
Saturday 3/14/2015	Crop Session II
9:00am – 10:00am	Agronomy of Selected Crops: Seed Maturity
10:00am – 10:15am	<i>Break</i>
10:15am – 11:15am	Crop Protection
Friday 3/27/2015	Crop Session III
	Farm Tour
Saturday 3/28/2015	Crop Session IV
9:00am – 10:00am	Setting up Your Irrigation System
10:00am – 11:30am	Building a Composting Unit & Composting Vegetables
Saturday 6th, 2015	Graduation Ceremony

