

# The Baker Bulletin



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November 11  
November 27 & 28

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## November 2025



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# HIGHLIGHTS IN HORTICULTURE

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By Alicia Lamborn, Environmental Horticulture Agent

## Growing Tips:

### Carrots:

An excellent source of vitamin A, carrots are easy to grow and store, and only a small space is required to grow a season's supply.

All major types grow well in Florida. These include Nantes, Imperator, Danvers, Chantenay, and the miniature carrots.

Seeds are slow to germinate and require daily irrigation for 10-14 days to ensure rapid germination and a uniform stand.

## EDIBLES TO PLANT IN November

	North	Central	South
 Easily Survives Transplanting	Arugula, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Kale, Kohlrabi, Sugarcane, Swiss Chard	Arugula, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Endive, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Sugarcane, Swiss Chard	Arugula, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Eggplant, Endive, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Peppers, Strawberry, Sugarcane, Swiss Chard, Tomatillo, Tomatoes, Tropical Spinaches
 Transplant Carefully	Celery, Mustard, Spinach	Celery, Mustard, Pineapple, Potatoes, Spinach	Amaranth, Calabaza, Celery, Long Squash, Luffa, Mustard, Pineapple, Potatoes, Seminole Pumpkin, Spinach
 Use Seeds	Carrots, Onions (bunching), Radish, Turnips	Carrots, Onions (bunching), Peas (English), Radish, Turnips	Beans (bush, lima, pole), Carrots, Corn, Cucumbers, Onions (bunching), Peas (English, southern), Radish, Squashes, Turnips

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## Florida-Friendly Landscaping Tips

## November

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL) means using low-maintenance plants and environmentally sustainable practices to have a beautiful landscape or bountiful garden that saves you time, energy, and money.

### ✓ SOIL pH

Soil pH is the measure of acidity or alkalinity and can have a big effect on plant health - essential nutrients like iron and manganese become more or less available depending on the pH of the soil. Soil testing will help you determine the pH of your site. In general, coastal areas are usually alkaline (high pH), while inland areas are usually acidic (low pH).

Although many plants tolerate a wide pH range, they do best when planted in the right soil. Plant reference guides often provide pH information along with other plant requirements. Raising soil pH is easy, but lowering it is harder to do and is only a temporary condition.

### ✓ GUIDELINES FOR USING MULCH

Maintain a 2- to 3-inch layer around established trees, shrubs, and bedding plants - adding more mulch can harm plants because mulch intercepts rain and irrigation meant for the plants' root systems. Avoid "volcano mulching" - when mulch is piled against the base of a tree, it holds moisture, encouraging rot in the trunk. Mulch to the drip line or beyond - root systems usually extend well beyond the drip line or plant canopy and would be naturally mulched in a forest environment.

### ✓ MICRO-IRRIGATION

Micro-irrigation systems deliver small volumes of water directly to the root zone and can be a great way to water your plants more efficiently. It can be installed under shrubs and trees, in planting beds and vegetable gardens, and in containers.

If you already have an irrigation system, your options for converting to micro-irrigation may be limited. But conversion kits are available and can be adapted to existing sprinkler heads, although they may require a pressure regulator at the source to reduce water pressure.



FOR MORE  
INFORMATION:

<https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/>

<https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/baker/>

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## BARNYARD BULLETIN

By Alicia Halbritter, Agriculture Agent

# Grazing Cool Season Forages



Cool season forages should typically be planted between October 15th and December 1st but how do you graze them properly? Planting on a clean-tilled seedbed results in earlier and higher total forage production compared to overseeding on existing grass, so planting conditions can influence grazing times. Additionally, success of winter pastures depends on adequate rainfall, so climatic conditions may also influence when a pasture will be grazed.

Success of winter forages depends on the ability to control when the field is grazed. In order to reach maximum yields, animals will need to be rotational grazed on the field and either moved to another pasture or a dry-lot and fed hay in order to rest the pasture for the suggested time frame.

Grazing cool season forages can almost always be related to the current height of the forage. Each forage has an ideal height to start grazing and the minimum forage height which will indicate when animals should be pulled off the pasture.

Below you will find the typical months of production for each species if they are planted at the proper time and typical weather conditions are present. If forages are planted later in the year or poor weather conditions are observed, expect some variation in production timelines. Additionally, if forages are grazed too heavily or below the recommended stubble height causing stress to the plants, production may slow or cause an early demise entirely.

See the following page for guidance on the suggested forage heights to begin and stop grazing, in correlation with the suggested rest period for each species.



### Typical months of productivity:

December - January	Oats, rye, triticale, and wheat (small grains)
February - March	Small grains, crimson clover, annual ryegrass
March - April	Small grains, crimson clover, ryegrass, arrowleaf, red, and white clovers
April - May	Ryegrass, arrowleaf, red, and white clovers



**BARNYARD BULLETIN***By Alicia Halbritter, Agriculture Agent***Grazing Cool  
Season Forages**

Species	Begin Grazing (in)	Stop Grazing (in)	Rest Period (days)
Arrowleaf Clover	8-10	3-5	10-20
Ball Clover	6-8	1-3	7-15
Berseem Clover	8-10	3-5	10-20
Crimson Clover	8-10	3-5	10-20
Red Clover	8-10	3-5	10-20
White Clover	6-8	1-3	7-15
Medic	6-8	1-3	7-15
Forage Oats	8-12	3-5	7-15
Forage Rye	8-12	3-4	7-15
Ryegrass	6-12	3-4	7-15
Forage Wheat	8-12	3-5	7-15

Learn more here: <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/AA266>



# LUCKY CLOVER CHRONICLE

By Shaina Spann, 4-H Youth Development Agent



## HOLIDAY BAKE-OFF *and more!*

The purpose of the Holiday Bake-Off is to encourage adults and youth to work together on a project. This is not a traditional 4-H contest where a 4-H member must do all the work themselves. Mixes, precooked, and non-cooked items may be used in the finished product. Work should be done by the youth with supervision, directions and help of an adult. Entries must have a festive holiday appearance. NO LIVE PLANT MATERIAL (SUCH AS HOLLY, POINSETTIA, BOXWOOD, ETC.) MAY BE USED! PRODUCT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Completed entry form must accompany your entry item. The Agent reserves the right to re-classify entry if needed and participants will be informed as soon as possible. One recipe for each entry must be submitted so that everyone may sample the product after the awards presentation,

Categories:

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|------------------------|--|
| • Brownies/Bar Cookies | • Boards (Charcuterie/Buttercream)   |
| • Cakes                | • Breads   |
| • Decorated cakes      | • Specialty Items (Such as Gingerbread Houses or decorated cakes not to be sampled)                            |
| • Cupcakes             | • Appetizers   |
| • Pies                 | • Lite Recipes (for health conscious, that use less sugar, salt, and fat than the traditional holiday recipes) |
| • Candies              |  |
| • Cookies              |  |
| • Gingerbread Cookies  |  |

Entries will be due Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-10:30am

### 4-H Club Meetings & Events

- Nov 03- Cloverbuddies, 4-5pm, Extension Pavilion
- **Nov 07- 4-H Project Reports due by 5pm**
- Nov 03- Cloverbuddies, 4-5pm, Extension Pavilion
- **Nov 13- 4-H Awards & Friendsgiving, 6-7pm, Pavilion**
- Nov 20- STEAM Club, 4:30-5:30pm, Auditorium/Pavilion
- Nov 25- Baker's Acres, 10:30am, Auditorium/Pavilion
- **Dec 08- Holiday Bake & Chili Cook-Off, 6pm**
- Dec 22 & 23- Save the Date! Holiday Day Camp



Check out our  
Livestock Google Site!

HAPPY  
THANKS  
GIVING

Register for a 4-H In  
School program here!

#### REMIND APP

text @bakerco4h to 81010 to be added to the 4-H  
Remind text group.

Re-Enroll for  
4-H Today!



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## Chili COOK-OFF Fundraiser



**\$5 FEE PER ENTRY**

Entries due: December 5, 2025

Drop-Off: December 8th, 5-6pm

Judging begins at 6pm!

Baker Co. Ag Center

1025 W. Macclenny Ave. 32063

All ages welcome!

Please provide ingredient list/recipe at registration.

Pre-register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/YXOextL4Pz>

**WINNER RECEIVES  
COOKING GIFT BASKET!**



## 2024-2025 4-H Awards And

# FRIENDSGIVING



Livestock club families: Bring a side dish

All other club families: Bring a dessert

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November

**4-H Pavilion**

Please RSVP by Nov 6 by calling the office or emailing Shaina

*For more information, email:* [slbennett@ufl.edu](mailto:slbennett@ufl.edu)



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## *4-Hers Win Big at Fall Fairs!*

### **Commercial Heifers**

Class 1 - Brick Noles, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Class 2- Caroline Clark, 1<sup>st</sup>

Class 3 - Jessa Hilson 1<sup>st</sup>, Kyle Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Mallorie Hall 3<sup>rd</sup>

Grand Champion: Caroline Clark

### **Registered Heifers**

Class 1- Jessa Hilson 1<sup>st</sup>,

Class 2- Jessa Hilson 1<sup>st</sup>,

Class 3 - Brick Noles 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mallorie Hall 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Reserve Grand Champion: Jessa Hilson

### **Registered Bulls**

Kyle Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Steers**

Class 3- Brick Noles, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Class 4 - Sarah Surrency 3<sup>rd</sup>

Class 5 - Kyle Hall 3<sup>rd</sup>

Class 6 - Caroline Clark 1<sup>st</sup>, Mallorie Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Jessa Hilson 3<sup>rd</sup>

Homegrown Champion: Caroline Clark

Reserve Homegrown Champion: Mallorie Hall

### **Beef Showmanship**

Intermediate: Grand Champion Carolina Clark,

Reserve Champion Mallorie Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brick Noles

Senior- Jessa Hilson Reserve Champion

### **Commercial Goats**

Class 1 - Mallorie Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>

Class 3 - Schaelynn Dugard 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Registered Dairy Goats**

Azzilee Reavis 4<sup>th</sup> place

### **Goat Showmanship**

Junior - Azzilee Reavis Grand Champion, Teagan

Melton Reserve Grand Champion

Intermediate - Arabella Melton Reserve Grand  
Champion, Mallorie Hall 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Swine Placings**

Class 1- Alyssa Prescott, 1<sup>st</sup>

Class 2- Clyde Rhoden, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Class 3- Karter Johns, 4<sup>th</sup>

Class 4- Caroline Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Class 5- Josee Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Class 6 - Presley Williams, 1<sup>st</sup>

Class 8 - Jessa Hilson, 1<sup>st</sup> & Scarlett Rhoden, 4<sup>th</sup>

Class 11 - Stihl Sweat, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Rylee Harvey, 4<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Overall: Presley Williams

4<sup>th</sup> Overall: Alyssa Prescott

### **Swine Showmanship**

Junior Grand Champion: Autumn Dugard

Intermediate Champion: Caroline Clark

### **Poultry**

Case Raulerson with Best Production Male

Autumn Dugard with Best Production Female

Ada Hodges with Best Exhibition Male & Female,

Best of Show & Reserve Best of Show

### **Poultry Showmanship**

Juniors: Ada Hodges 1<sup>st</sup>

Dean Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>

Autumn Dugard 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Horticulture Contest**

Vegetable Display- Lainey Rhoden & Reagan

Meade, Blue Ribbon

Horticulture: Olivia Lamborn, 3 Blue Ribbons

### **Egg Contest**

Madeline Crews, Blue Ribbon

### **Northeast Florida Fair**

Caroline Clark- Reserve Champion Steer

**4-Hers brought home over \$2,500 in award premiums and auctioned off their swine & steers, accumulating over \$133,750 in sales, in addition to countless other add-on donations!**