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March 11-14, 2008- 2008 Postharvest Horticulture Industry Tour- This year's trip will feature visits from Homestead to Orlando to see harvest, packing, and shipping operations for a wide variety of fruit, vegetable, and floral crops. For more information, contact Adrian Berry at (352)392-1928 Ext. 235 or email her at adberr@ifas.ufl.edu. Click here to see the tentative itinerary. Registration deadline is February 18, 2008.

March 25-27, 2008- 2008 Sustainable Agriculture Research and education National Conference – The SARE will hold its 2008 meeting in Kansas City, MO March 25-27, 2008. The conference will include farm tours, the opportunity to speak with researchers and innovators, a chance to learn the ins and outs of marketing production, learn about sustainable farming and much more. For more information, visit their website at: http://www.sare.org/2008Conference/index.htm

April 8, 2008- EREC Field Day – The Everglades Research and Education Center will hold a field day on April 8, 2008 from 7:45am -3:00pm. The field day will include a station tour of ongoing research projects including turfgrass, sugarcane, water quality, vegetables, soil and pest management. For more information contact Migzaille Burns at: mmburrus@ufl.edu

May 6, 2008 – Water & Nutrient Management with Drip Irrigation on Small Farms – The Northeast Florida Small Farms Working Group will present a water & nutrient management workshop for niche market producers May 6, 2008 first at the Franklin Farm and then at the Cognito Farm beginning at 5:00 pm. The topics of the workshop will include: the advantages of drip irrigation vs. overhead irrigation; nutrient measuring equipment; building a fertilizer program for drip irrigated crops; and water, fertilizer and best management practices. Speakers will include Jim DeValerio, UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension office, Bob Hochmuth and Mace Bauer, UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center, and Eric Simonne, UF/IFAS Horticultural Sciences Department. Click here to see the flyer on this event. For more information contact Barbara smith at 904-259-3520 or by email at smithba@ufl.edu.
May 13, 2008 – Twilight Field Day – The North Florida Research and Education Center - Swuannee Valley will hold a twilight field day on May 13, 2008. for more information contact Bob Hochmuth at bobhoch@ufl.edu

May 28, 2008 – Escambia County Farm Tour – The 2008 Escambia County farm tour will be held May28, 2008 at the Langley Bell 4-H Center. The tour will include visits to Touchablue Blueberry Farm, Escambia Grain, Emerald Coast Growers, Bayer CropScience, Wheat harvest and conservation planting. For more information contact Libbie Johnson at (850) 475-5230 or libbiej@ugl.edu.

June 1-3, 2008 - FSHS Annual Meeting - The FSHS will hold their annual meeting in Fort Lauderdale, FL June 1-3, 2008 at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott North Hotel. For more information Contact Dr. Eric Simonne at (352) 392-1928 Ext. 208 or visit http://www.fshs.org/

June 5, 2008 - Vegetable Field Day - The North Florida Research & Education Center - Quincy will hold their annual field day on June 5, 2008. Further details will be forthcoming. For more information, contact Steve Olson at. smolson@ufl.edu or 850-875-7100.

July 21-24, 2008 - ASHS Annual Meeting - The ASHS will hold their annual meeting in Orlando, FL July 21-24, 2008 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. For more information visit their website at http://www.ashs.org/conferences.html.

September 2-7, 2008 – The Florida Tomato Conference - The Florida Tomato Committee and the Florida Tomato Exchange will hold their joint conference September 2-7, 2008 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Naples, FL. For more information visit their website at: http://www.floridatomatoes.org/conference.html