

## A FORAGE LEGUME of Commercial Importance ~

**PERENNIAL PEANUT** is a high-quality persistent tropical forage legume that can be grazed or fed to horses, dairy and beef cattle, hogs, goats, sheep, and rabbits. It can be stored as dry hay or silage and is an ideal substitute for imported alfalfa. Florigraze and Arbook cultivars of perennial peanut, or rhizoma peanut, as it is sometimes called, have been selected in Florida for their **high-yield, quality, persistence, disease resistance, and drought tolerance.**

Perennial peanut is well adapted to dry, sandy soils, and to date, appears to persist indefinitely. Perennial peanut is planted using rhizomes, or underground stems, dug from a nursery planting. Hay yields in North Florida range from 3-5 tons per acre per year for well established stands. Quality and uses are so similar to that of Alfalfa that perennial peanut has been coined "**Florida's alfalfa.**"

Perennial peanut grows well in Florida, South Georgia and southern portions of the Gulf States. It requires no pesticides for control of insects or diseases and fertility requirements mirror it's close relative, the common peanut. These characteristics make perennial peanut an environmentally sound, low energy-consuming crop which, ranks it as an **important component for sustainable agricultural systems.**



For directions to Beef Research Unit  
in Gainesville, FL visit

[http://www.animal.ufl.edu/facilities/  
bru/documents/BRUmap.pdf](http://www.animal.ufl.edu/facilities/bru/documents/BRUmap.pdf)

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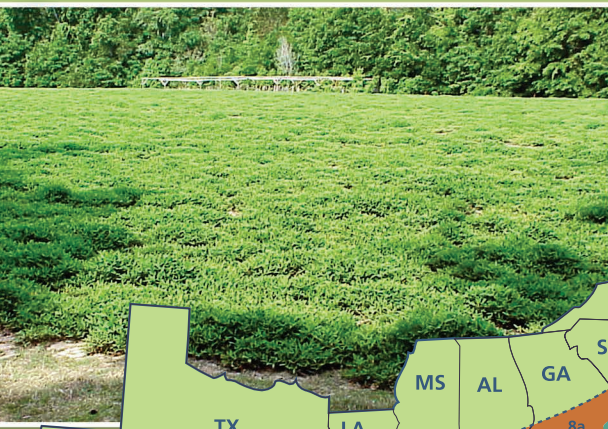
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## Estimated Perennial Peanut growing zones for the southern U.S.

(based on USDA plant hardiness map and past or existing plantings)

Northern Production Limit defined by dashed line. Commercial Production Zones include the warmer portion of USDA hardiness zone 8a and zones 8b, 9 and above.

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8:30 a.m.	Registration ( <a href="http://perennialpeanutfieldday2012.eventbrite.com/">http://perennialpeanutfieldday2012.eventbrite.com/</a> )
9:00 a.m.	Welcome – Plan for the day
9:10 a.m.	Introduction to Perennial Peanut Planting and Grazing Research at the UF/IFAS Beef Unit (Lynn Sollenberger – UF Agronomy, Kim Mullenix – UF Agronomy, Ph.D. student, Miguel Castillo – UF Agronomy, Ph.D. student, and Nick Krueger – UF Agronomy, M.S. student)
	<b>Field Tour</b>
	Herbicide Demonstration Plots – grass control in perennial peanut (Jay Ferrell – UF Agronomy, Weed Science)
	Strip-planting Florigraze in bahiagrass – weed control and grazing management (Miguel Castillo – UF Agronomy)
9:40 a.m.	Strip-planting Florigraze, Peace, Ecoturf, and Arblick in bahiagrass (Kim Mullenix – UF Agronomy, Ph.D. student)
	Grazing management of Peace, Tito, Ecoturf, and Florigraze (Kim Mullenix – UF Agronomy, Ph.D. student)
	Grazing strategies using goats and cattle for control of blackberry in Florigraze pastures (Nick Krueger – UF Agronomy, M.S. student)
11:00 a.m..	Break and Refreshments (visit lunch sponsor displays)
11:15 a.m.	Perennial peanut research and management update and panel discussion (Ann Blount – UF Forage Specialist, Cheryl Mackowiak – UF Soil and Water Science, Jay Ferrell – UF Agronomy, Weed Science, Gary Knox – UF Ornamental Horticulture, Ken Quesenberry – UF Agronomy, and Ben Anderson – UF Environmental Horticulture, M.S. student; Moderator: Lynn Sollenberger – UF Agronomy)
12:15 p.m.	Lunch (visit lunch sponsor displays)
	<b>Exhibits and optional forage grass research tour on site</b>
1:00 p.m.	Dairy heifer performance on Tifton 85 bermudagrass pastures (Eduardo Alava – UF Agronomy, Ph.D. student and Yoana Newman – UF Forage Specialist)
	New limpgrass hybrids for Florida (Marcelo Wallau – UF Agronomy, M.S. student and Lynn Sollenberger – UF Agronomy)