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 highyield, 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 NFREC in Quincy, FL visit http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/ locations_quincy.shtml

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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
8:55 a.m.	Welcome Field day logistics
9:00 a.m.	Use of perennial peanut in livestock diets Dr. Nick DiLorenzo, NFREC Marianna
9:30 a.m.	Latest weed control efforts in perennial peanut Mr. Josh Thompson, Jackson County Extension
10:00 a.m	Flowering and Height trials of new P. Peanut Varieties. Dr. Gary Knox, NFREC Quincy
10:30 a.m.	Plant physiology considerations in perennial peanut production. Dr. Diane Rowland, UF Agronomy Department
11:00 a.m.	Hay Market perspective, Ornamental market Perspective, Thoughts on producer cooperative or bulk buying for cost reduction. <i>Richard Cone, Cone Farms; Clay Olson, Taylor County Extension Office;</i> <i>Dr. Ann Blount NFREC Quincy</i>
11:30 a.m.	Research update on winter over seeding in perennial peanut for hay or grazing. Dr. Cheryl Mackowiak and Dr. David Wright, NFREC Quincy
12:00 Noon	Sponsored lunch
1:00 p.m.	Peanut fertilization trials Dr. Ann Blount Tour herbicide trial result demonstration Josh Thompson
1:30 p.m.	Tour ornamental perennial peanut variety trials Dr. Gary Knox
2:00 p.m.	Adjourn