

## **UF** IFAS Extension UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

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#### **PROFILE**

I was born and raised in Manatee County, Florida, where I discovered a passion for the cattle industry through involvement in 4–H and Junior Cattlemen's activities. This passion led to the creation of a small show cattle operation.

In 2020, I relocated to Monticello, Florida with my family. I am happily married to my wife, Meagan, and together we have a set of twins, Eli and Raelyn.

I currently serve as the Horticulture/Ag and Natural Resources Agent, I specialize in livestock with a focus on pasture management and forages.

Previously, as the Livestock/4-H Agent through FAMU, I organized and led various programs centered on pasture management and youth development, fostering growth and education within the community.

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# **Educational Programs**Producer Enhancement Program

The Livestock, Row Crop, and Vegetable Producer Enhancement Program provides comprehensive educational opportunities, hands-on training, and technical assistance to agricultural producers in Jefferson County and the surrounding areas. This program is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of livestock, row crop, and vegetable producers by addressing key topics such as best management practices, sustainable production techniques, and resource conservation.

Participants will receive guidance in areas such as pasture and forage management, integrated pest management, soil health, water quality, and overall farm productivity. The program also offers one-on-one technical assistance to help producers troubleshoot issues specific to their operations and implement innovative solutions.

#### **Experience**

Horticulture / Ag and Natural Resources Agent

UF/IFAS Extension – Jefferson County November 2024 – Present

Livestock/4-H Agent

FAMU Extension – Jefferson County March 2023 – November 2024

#### **Education & Certifications**

**Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College** 

Bachelor of Science in Livestock Production December 2022