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Popular Urban Farm and Produce Garden Workshops Begin Again in April

(Naples, FL) – Because urban farming has become so popular in the light of changes in the economy, the Collier County University Extension Office is again offering its urban farming classes in April and May. If you live on limited land such as five acres or less, you will learn how to grow produce and, if you wish take it a step further, sell produce.

From April 13 through May 18, 2010, the Collier County University Extension Office's Agriculture Program will offer two educational programs, Urban Enterprise Farming and Urban Crop Production, on Tuesday evenings. Each course takes place on consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the dates listed below. The courses are held at the Collier County Extension Office located at 14700 Immokalee Rd. adjacent to the fairgrounds.

Urban Enterprise Farming: This workshop features entrepreneurial business topics for the small acreage landowner interested in small scale production. These sessions will teach farm management skills for those entering the local market with their products. Topics include the business of farming, funding sources for the small farm, marketing, fruit and vegetable basics and livestock and equine basics.

This workshop is a three-class series to take place on the following Tuesdays: April 13, 20 and 27, 2010.

Urban Crop Production: This workshop features fruit and vegetable production principles and general gardening techniques for home gardeners and urban farmers. Topics include growing herbs, compost and amendments, backyard specialty and vegetable crops, growing organic, harvesting and processing and pests, pesticides and pollinators.

This workshop is a three-class series to take place on the following Tuesdays: May 4, 11 and 18, 2010.

Registration Information

There is a \$25 enrollment fee per person for one workshop or sign up for both for just \$40. There is a \$40 group rate registration fee available for more than one individual from the same site such as a home or business for both series and a \$70 rate for a group to attend both series. Participants must pre-register for the course by April 9. To register, make checks payable to: Collier County BCC and mail to Collier County University Extension Office, 14700 Immokalee Road in Naples, Florida 34120.

For more information, interested parties should call University Extension at (239) 353-4244.

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